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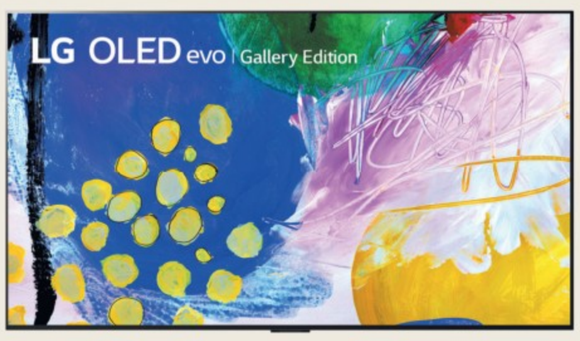

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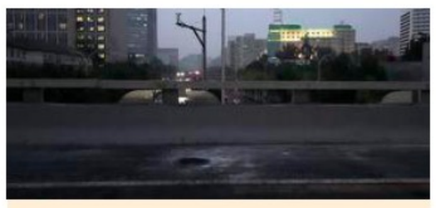

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SC delivers split verdict on Karnataka hijab ban

The two judges on the Bench had divergent opinions on the ideas of secularity, freedom of expression and effect of the ban on education of girls; case will now be heard by a larger Bench

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday delivered a split verdict on whether Muslim students should shed their hijabs at their school gates.

Justice Hemant Gupta upheld Karnataka's prohibitive government order of February 5, saying "apparent symbols of religious belief cannot be worn to secular schools maintained from State funds".

Justice Gupta said 'secularity' meant uniformity, manifested by parity among students in terms of uniform.

Justice Gupta held that adherence to uniform was a reasonable restriction to free expression. The discipline reinforced equality. The State had never forced students out of State schools by restricting hijab. The decision to stay out was a "voluntary act" of the student.

Differing views

The right to express herself by wearing a hijab, stops at the school gate... Freedom of expression guaranteed under Article 19(1)(a) does not extend to the wearing of headscarf

JUSTICE HEMANT GUPTA

Wearing a hijab should be simply a matter of choice. It may be the only way her conservative family will permit her to go to school, and in those cases, her hijab is her ticket to education

JUSTICE SUDHANSHU DHULIA

In his divergent opinion, Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia said secularity meant tolerance to "diversity". Wearing or not wearing a hijab to school was "ultimately a matter of choice". For girls from conservative families, "her hijab is her ticket to education".

"Asking the girls to take off their hijab before they enter the school gates, is first, an invasion of their privacy, then it is an attack on their dignity, and then ultimately it is a denial to them of secular education... There shall be no restriction on the wearing of hijab anywhere in schools and colleges in Karnataka," Justice Dhulia held.

He further remarked that one of the best sights in India was a girl going to school like her brother.

"Are we making the life of a girl child any better by denying her education, merely because she wears a hijab! All the petitioners (students) want is to wear a hijab! Is it too much to ask in a democracy? How is it against public order, morality or health or even decency?" Justice Dhulia asked.

The case would now be re-heard by a larger Bench.

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BMRCL to conduct trial run on Whitefield metro line

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The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is all set to conduct the trial run on the Baiyappanahalli, Whitefield stretch of metro's Purple Line from October 25.

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Six-year norm for class I admission relaxed for two years

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has decided to temporarily relax the rider that any child entering class I should have completed six years. The relaxation is valid for the next two academic years.

Confusion and anxiety

The Department of School Education and Literacy had issued an order in July mandating completion of six years by June 1, 2022, for admissions to class I starting from the academic year 2023-24, causing confusion and anxiety among parents as the future of several children already in LKG and UKG were in question.

From 2025-26

B.C. Nagesh, Minister for School Education and Literacy, said the age norm will be relaxed for two years and the order will be effective from 2025-26. "This will give relief to thousands of students who are in UKG and LKG this year," he said.

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India abstains on UNGA resolution against Russia

Press Trust of India
UNITED NATIONS

India abstained in the UN General Assembly on a draft resolution on Wednesday that condemned Russia's "illegal" referenda and attempts to annex parts of Ukraine, saying New Delhi's decision is "consistent" with its "well thought out national position" and the country is ready to support efforts at de-escalation while insisting on finding peaceful solution through diplomacy.

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ISRO's own Next-Gen Launch Vehicle may assume PSLV's role

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is developing a Next-Gen Launch Vehicle (NGLV), which will one day replace operational systems like the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), ISRO Chairman S. Somanath has said.

PSLV, often dubbed the 'trusted workhorse', "will have to retire" one day, Mr. Somanath said during a three-day Engineers Conclave 2022, which opened at the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, Valiyamala, on Thursday.

ISRO's existing PSLV will continue to be used in operations as long as there is a demand for it, said Mr. Somanath. S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

In NGLV, ISRO is understood to be looking at a cost-efficient, three-stage, reusable heavy-lift vehicle with a payload capability of 10 tonnes to Geostationary Transfer Orbit. NGLV will feature semi-cryogenic propulsion for the booster stages which is cheaper and efficient, he said.

"We believe at least 10 tonne capability to GTO is needed. Correspondingly, the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) capability will be twice that. However, payload capability will be lower when the rocket is reusable," he said.

Simple, robust design

NGLV will feature a simple, robust design that allows bulk manufacturing, modularity in systems, sub-systems and stages and minimal turnaround time.

Potential uses will be in the areas of launching communication satellites, deep space missions, future human spaceflight and cargo missions.

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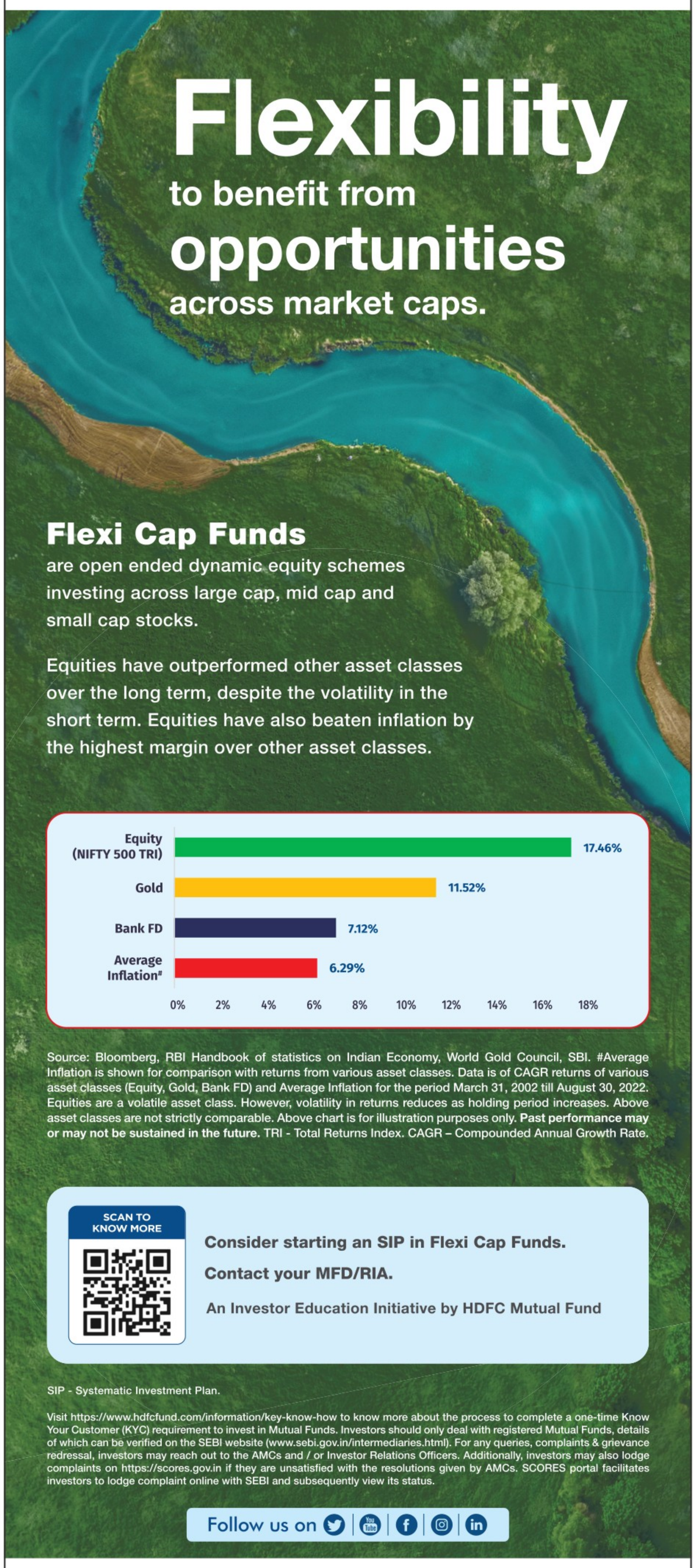
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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Global wildlife population on a decline, says WWF

69 The % by which wild populations of monitored animal species have plummeted in the last 50 years, according to a report by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The report found that the main drivers of wildlife loss are habitat degradation due to development, exploitation, the introduction of invasive species, pollution and climate change. AFP

Households under MNREGA had no work during COVID: survey

39 The % of job card-holding households, interested in working under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA), which did not get a single day of work during the COVID year 2020-21, a survey said. The survey was conducted by Azim Premji University along with the National Consortium of Civil Society Organisations. PTI

Startup funding in India drops to a two-year low

2.7 In $ billion, the startup funding in India in the third quarter of 2022, a two-year low, as per the PwC India report. Only two startups in India attained unicorn status in the July-September period of 2022, mirroring a global trend of the decline in the number of new unicorns this last quarter, said the report titled 'Startup Deals Tracker - Q3 CY22'. PTI

Spain launches euro subsidy plan to weather rising prices

3 In billion euro, the worth of the package announced by Spanish Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez in new subsidies to help people weather high gas and electricity prices. The measures include set gas rates for residential heating systems until the end of 2023 and more electricity and heating subsidies. Mr. Sánchez said the measures would benefit 40% of households. AP

Infosys' September quarter net profit jumps to ₹6,021 crore

11 In %, the year-on-year rise in Infosys' September quarter net profit. The net profit of India's second-largest IT services company rose to ₹6,021 crore in the quarter ending September from ₹5,421 crore in the same period a year ago. Infosys has also announced a share buyback worth ₹9,300 crore under which the price will not exceed ₹1,850 per equity share. PTI

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A report on the north-east Delhi riots

What are the main findings of the report titled 'Uncertain Justice: A Citizens Committee Report on the North-East Delhi Violence 2020' released last week commissioned by the Constitutional Conduct Group?

EXPLAINER

Soibam Rocky Singh

The story so far:

Two-and-half years after communal clashes rocked the streets of north-east Delhi killing 53 people and injuring hundreds, an independent fact-finding Committee has blamed the breakout of violence to a deliberate build-up of polarised hate between communities, particularly anti-Muslim hate. The report titled 'Uncertain Justice: A Citizens Committee Report on the North-East Delhi Violence 2020' released last week was commissioned by the Constitutional Conduct Group, a group of former civil servants, who wanted an impartial probe into the events which led to the riots.

What did the report state?

Unlike previous fact-finding reports on the February 2020 riots, the 'Uncertain Justice' report is authored by a former judge of the Supreme Court, three high court retired judges and a retired IAS officer. It relies heavily on legal documents including FIRs, chargesheets, and orders passed by courts. The report puts into perspective the events triggered by the amendments passed to the citizenship law, the build-up to the violence, its trajectory, and the state's response as it unfolded. The report stated that the Muslim community was grappling with deep fears of loss of citizenship, stemming from the combined effect of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA), passed in December 2019 and the potential exclusion through the National Register of Citizens (NRC) process. Deepening their fears, a campaign of hate against anti-CAA protesters, and more broadly against Muslims, had been a steady feature in political speeches and election campaigning in the months immediately preceding the violence.

"Speeches, statements and slogans by BJP functionaries, prominently Kapil Mishra and Anurag Thakur, characterised the protesters as traitors, enemies, and violent troublemakers, within a divisive Hindu-Muslim binary," the report stated.

Polarised hate: The vandalised remains of Madeena Masjid in the Shiv Vihar area of north-east Delhi in 2020. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Was the police complicit?

The material analysed in the report demonstrates that the Delhi Police failed to prevent the violence even though there were enough warning signs since January 2020 indicating a tense build-up. "There were also instances of police complicity of varying degrees," the report said.

"Even though it can order central paramilitary forces whenever necessary, it seems the MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) failed to ensure increased police deployment in North East Delhi during the initial phase of the violence," the Committee said adding, "This was a prime factor in the galloping spread of the violence". The Committee also found that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Delhi did "precious little during this entire time to mediate between the communities, even with the warning signs". The Delhi government, and its popular Chief Minister, displayed an entirely ineffectual, seemingly helpless stance rather than doing all it could on the back of its emphatic mandate.

Additionally, the report states that there was a targeted application of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) by the state. A few weeks into investigating, the police applied the (UAPA), an anti-terror legislation, into one of the FIRs connected with the riots, severely restricting the avenues of the accused to get bail during the course of the trial.

The report stated that the prosecution case at its highest would be that the conspirators, in their zeal to force a repeal of the CAA, participated in various criminal acts and created a situation so imminently dangerous "leading to death and bodily injury" in a localised area. "These acts do not constitute a terrorist offence. Applying Section 15, UAPA to the present case is not merely stretching the law, but a perversion of the law," the report said.

What role did the media play?

The report squarely condemned news media for mirroring the politicians' hate narrative directed at anti-CAA protesters and Muslims, beginning from December 2019 and continuing into 2020. It said that Facebook, WhatsApp and YouTube were widely used to propagate divisive Hindu-Muslim narratives and calls for violence.

What does the report aim to do?

The Constitutional Conduct Group had envisioned the report to contribute to the understanding of the riots and the after-effects. While the report has sparked discussion on these matters, it is unclear whether it can alter the course of the trials related to the riots which are currently underway.

THE GIST

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The Interpol General Assembly meeting in Delhi

What are the roles and functions of the International Criminal Police Organisation? What is the significance of a Red notice? Will the upcoming meeting in Delhi bring about major changes?

R. K. Raghavan

The story so far:

The General Assembly of the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol) is meeting in Delhi for four days from October 18. This is the second time since 1997 the 195 member-strong body is holding such a large conference in India.

What is the Interpol?

Set up in 1923, the Interpol is a secure information-sharing platform that facilitates criminal investigation of police forces across the globe through collection and dissemination of information received from various police forces. It keeps track of the movements of criminals and those under the police radar in various regions and tips off police forces which had either sought the Interpol's assistance or which in its opinion will benefit from the particulars available with it. Aided by state-of-the art databases and computer analytics, the Interpol operates round the clock and employs some of the best minds in the area of crime analysis and technology. It aims to promote the widest-possible mutual assistance between criminal police forces.

How is the Interpol organised?

The head of Interpol is the President who is elected by the General Assembly. He comes from one of the member-nations and holds office for four years. The day-to-day activities are overseen by a full-time Secretary General elected by the General Assembly, who holds office for five years. The General Assembly lays down the policy for execution by its Secretariat which has several specialised directorates for cybercrime, terrorism, drug trafficking, financial crime, environmental crime, human trafficking, etc. Every member-country is the Interpol's face in that country.

All contact of a country's law enforcement agency with Interpol is through the highest investigating body of the land. The CBI assumes this role in India with one of its senior officers heading its exclusive Interwing (the National Central Bureaus) for collation of information and liaison with the world body.

What is the Red notice?

It is a structured communication issued by the Interpol to all member-nations notifying the name(s) of persons against whom an arrest warrant is pending in a particular country. The notice issued requests all member nations that if the named individual(s) is located in their country an immediate communication should be sent to the nation that wants him in connection with a criminal investigation.

What does one expect from the Delhi meeting?

The entire global police leadership will be in Delhi for this session. Smuggling of arms and drugs continue to worry those who desire to see a stable world order. The session is also expected to throw up a few tricky questions involving protection given to deviance by the establishment itself in some regions of the world on grounds of dubious economic and sovereign considerations.

What are Interpol's future challenges?

The rising spectre of transnational, cyber and organised crime requires a globally coordinated law enforcement response. Interpol has a legacy of trust and reliability. It needs to acquire powers of sanction against a country which refuses to cooperate in implementing a Red notice. It is however highly unlikely that member-nations will ever agree to dilute their sovereignty and invest the Interpol with such authority.

R. K. Raghavan is a former CBI Director. He currently teaches at the Jindal Global University, Sonepat

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ಹಾರೋಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಸ್ವಂತ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ಪರತ್ತು ಹಾಗೂ ಸೂಚನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ. ಶುಲ್ಕದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ : ಹಾರೋಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲಲಿ ಬರುವ ರಂಗನಾಥ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ನರಸಿಂಹೇಗೌಡರ ಬೀದಿ, ಗುರುಪ್ರಸಾದ್ ಮನೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಶಂಕರ್ ಮನೆ, ನಂದಗೋಕುಲ ಮನೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಮನೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ನೀರಿನ ಪೈಪ್‌ಲೈನ್, ಚರಂಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ : DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK-INDENT138597 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) 99.50. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : 1.99,000/–. 2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ : ಹಾರೋಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ರಂಗನಾಥ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಮೇಷ್ಟ್ರು ಮನೆ ಬೀದಿ, ಗಂಗಣ್ಣ ಮನೆ ಬೀದಿ, ಡೈರಿ ರಾಮಣ್ಣ ಮನೆ ಬೀದಿ ಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಷ್ಟ್ರು ಮನೆ ಬೀದಿ, ಗಂಗಣ್ಣ ಮನೆ ಬೀದಿ, ಡೈರಿ ರಾಮಣ್ಣ ಮನೆ ಬೀದಿ ಬಿ.ಎಂ. ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ 1–2 ಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರಿನ ಪೈಪ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, ಮೇಷ್ಟ್ರು ಮನೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಬಿ.ಎಂ. ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ 1–2 ಕ್ಕೆ ಡಾಂಬರೀಕರಣ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. : DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK-INDENT138594 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) 99.10. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : 1.98,200/–. 3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ : ಹಾರೋಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ರಂಗನಾಥ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಡೈರಿ ರಾಮಣ್ಣನ ಮನೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಡಾ॥ ನಾಯಕ್ ಮನೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಗಂಗಣ್ಣ ಮನೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಡಾಂಬರೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಚಿನ್ಮರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಡಾ॥ ನಾಯಕ್ ಮನೆ ರ್ಸತೆಗೆ ಚರಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಚಿನ್ಮರಿ ಮೆ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ನೀರಿನ ಪೈಪ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ : DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK-INDENT138593 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) 99.90. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : 1.99,800/–. 4) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ : ಹಾರೋಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ರಂಗನಾಥ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಡಿ.ಸಿ. ನಾಗರಾಜು ಮನೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಅನಂತು ಹಾಗೂ ಚಿನ್ಮರಿ ಮನೆಗೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಡಾಂಬರೀಕರಣ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. : DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK-INDENT138592 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) 99.30. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : 1.96,600/–. 5) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ : ಹಾರೋಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ 33 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಮಾರಸಂದ್ರ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ರಂಗಣ್ಣ ಸರ್ಕಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಹಾದು ಹೋಗುವ ರಾಜ ಕಾಲುವೆವರೆಗೆ ಮುಂದುವರೆದ ಎರಡೂ ಕಡೆ ಮಳೆ ನೀರು ಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. : DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK-INDENT138595 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) 51.00. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : 1.02,400/–. 6) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ : ಹಾರೋಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ರಂಗನಾಥ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಪುಟ್ಟಮ್ಮನ ಮನೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಡಿ.ಸಿ. ನಾಗರಾಜು ಮನೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಅನಂತು ಮನೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬಿ.ಎಂ. ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನ ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳಾದ 1&2 ಕ್ಕೆ ಚರಂಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ನೀರಿನ ಪೈಪ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. : DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK-INDENT138591 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) 99.00. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : 1.98,000/–.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕದ ವಿವರಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 12–10–2022 ರಿಂದ 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 27–10–2022 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30. 3) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 29–10–20022 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದ್ದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಮುಂದೂಡಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ತಿದ್ದುಡಿಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಡೆಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಯಾವುದೇ ವಾರ್ತಾ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಹಾರೋಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಕನಕಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು,

ಸಹಿ/– ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಹಾರೋಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಕನಕಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು.

ಡಿಪಿಆರ್/ರಾಮನಗರ/270/ಮಣೆಪಾಲ್/2022–23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP, 2nd Floor, Shakthi Soudha, 13th Cross Road, 4th B Main Road, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru - 560040.

No: EE(GRN)/TN/GL-15/2022-23 Date: 12-10-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered with Labours Contract or any State Government Organizations for the Services of works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
	Reserved for SC Category		
1	Providing House Keeping and Security Services for BBMP Buildings in Ward No. 105	35.00	70000
2	Providing House Keeping and Security Services for BBMP Buildings in Ward No. 128, Nagarabhavi	45.50	91000
	Reserved for ST Category		
3	Providing House Keeping and Security Services for BBMP Buildings in Ward No. 127, Mudalapalya	40.00	80000
	General Category		
4	Providing House Keeping and Security Services for BBMP Buildings in Ward No. 103	52.75	105500
5	Providing House Keeping and Security Services for BBMP Buildings in Ward No. 104	82.00	164000
6	Providing House Keeping and Security Services for BBMP Buildings in Ward No. 106	29.00	58000
7	Providing House Keeping and Security Services for BBMP Buildings in Ward No. 125	62.00	124000
8	Providing House Keeping and Security Services for BBMP Buildings in Ward No. 126, Maruthimandira	35.00	70000
9	Providing House Keeping and Security Services for BBMP Buildings in Ward No. 131, Nayandahalli	20.00	50000

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Date of Pre Bid Meeting on **17-10-2022 at 15.00 Hrs. 3)** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: **20-10-2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. 4)** Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **21-10-2022 at 16.30 Hrs. 5)** Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **22-10-2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Chikkapete Division, 8th Main, 2nd Block, Jayanagara, Kanakanapalya, Bengaluru-560 011.

No:EE/CKP/E-PROC/11/2022-23 Date: 13.10.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (Single Cover)

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Chikkapete Division), BBMP Bengaluru Invites Tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organisations for the Construction of work detailed in the table below. **(STD-KW-2)**

Name of the Work	Estimate Cost (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
Supply of labours Machineries and Vehicles to South Zone Control Room during Night Hours Emergencies (SC Only)	35.30	35300/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **20.10.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (2) Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is **20.10.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Date of Technical Bid Opening of Tenders is **21.10.2022** by **4:30** pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** **Sd/- Executive Engineer, Chikkapete Division**

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ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗಾಗಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ, ತಿ. ನರಸೀಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ 337 ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DWCD:2022-23:IND1864/CALL-2 ದಿ: 12.10.2022 ರಂತೆಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ. ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ:www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. **ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: 29.10.2022 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆ, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 31.10.2022 ಸಮಯ ಬೆ: 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 04.11.2022 ಸಮಯ ಬೆ:11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ, ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ತಿ. ನರಸೀಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು ಅಥವಾ **ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08227–261267 ಮೊ:7259637160, 9449010499 ಮೂಲಕ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.**

ಸಹಿ/– ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ತಿ. ನರಸೀಪುರ.

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NOTIFICATION

Inviting applications online for Admission to MBBS and BDS Courses for the year 2022-23 in the State of Karnataka and for Admission to AYUSH Courses to Karnataka Candidates

1) Government in their letter No. HFW 124 RGU Bangalore, dated 28-06-2017, have directed KEA to conduct Common Counselling for admission to UG Medical and Dental courses for all Government, Private (Including Minority), NRI and Other seats in the State of Karnataka.
2) As per the directions of the Government, KEA is inviting applications online for admissions to Medical and Dental courses for the year 2022-23. The candidates who have scored more than or equal to the prescribed minimum score in UGNEET-2022 only are eligible to register and apply online for UG Medical / Dental / AYUSH courses for the year 2022-23.
3) Further, as per the letter dated 13-10-2022 of Karnataka AYUSH Department, the seat matrix for admission in the Government, Government Aided Institutions and Private Institutions shall be 15% for ALL India Quota and 85% for the State and Union Territory quota. As per this direction, seats available for UG courses in Private AYUSH Colleges of Karnataka state as well as management quota seats shall be allotted through KEA. UGNEET-2022 eligible candidates can also register online for AYUSH seats.
4) Non-Karnataka candidates will not be eligible for reservation. Hence, in the UGNEET-2022 examination, if they have scored the required minimum 50th percentile or above, fixed for 'GENERAL (UR)' category as per the qualifying criteria, then only they are eligible to register for admissions through KEA or for any other seats in the State of Karnataka. Please note that SC/ST/OBC eligibility criteria are applicable to Karnataka SC/ST/OBC candidates only.
5) Before registering through online for admission to Medical, Dental and AYUSH courses in the state of Karnataka, applicants are hereby informed to read the Information Bulletin UGNEET-2022 and understand the eligibility conditions, classification of seats (different types of category of seats) and eligibility to claim such seats which are hosted on the KEA Website: **http://kea.kar.nic.in** for the information of the candidates.
6) **Portal is enabled to register and apply online from 1.00 PM on 14-10-2022; interested candidates have to register & pay the fees through online before 4.00 PM on 19-10-2022. Fee paid candidates can submit / enter the application details upto 11.59 PM on 20-10-2022.**
7) Registration fee, schedule for verification of documents, original documents to be produced for verification and other details will be hosted on the KEA Website. Interested eligible candidates can register and apply online and appear for document verification as per the schedule.

ENTRY OF UGNEET-2022 ROLL NUMBER BY KARNATAKA CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ALREADY VERIFIED THEIR DOCUMENTS

The candidates who have already registered for UGCET-2022 and completed the document verification, have to enter their correct UGNEET-2022 Roll Number in the online registration module enabled in KEA Web-portal by using their USER ID and Password already created for UGCET-2022 to become eligible for admission to Medical, Dental and AYUSH courses. After entry of UGNEET-2022 roll number enter the OTP received, then log-in, pay the fees, complete the application process by selecting the declaration. Afterwards, take the print out and verify the NEET Roll number printed on the Application Form.

- Candidates, who have assigned ranks in CET-2022 and completed their document verification as per CET-2006 Admission Rules, and those who are not claiming any additional reservation need not appear for verification of documents once again for Medical / Dental / AYUSH courses. But they have to download the UGNEET-2022 Verification slip from KEA portal on the specified dates to become eligible for admission to Medical / Dental / AYUSH courses.
- However, if any such candidate is eligible to claim reservation as per Government of Karnataka norms or under Linguistic Minority /Religious Minority / NRI WARD or candidates eligible to claim seats under Category-2 to Category-8 in St. John Medical College, Bangalore, they have to claim such reservations in the online application form and they have to appear for document verification with all the relevant original certificates / documents.

INSTRUCTIONS TO NON-KARNATAKA CANDIDATES

Non-Karnataka candidates who have qualified in UGNEET 2022, they have to first register through online in KEA Web-portal, enter all the details, and pay the registration fee. Further they have to enter the 12th standard marks details and upload in PDF format in the same web portal. They need not appear for verification of documents.

However, OCI / PIO / NRI / Foreign Nationals and if any non-Karnataka candidates eligible to claim NRI Ward, Religious Minority or eligible to claim under category-2 to category-8 in St. John Medical College, Bangalore, then they have to appear for verification of documents at KEA, Bangalore on the specified dates.

8) Centralised and Combined Counseling for the seats to be notified by the Karnataka State Government, in Government, COMED-K, KRLMPCA, AMPCK institutions, the admissions will be as per the Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government Seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules, 2006 (in short Rules) as amended from time to time and as per the guidelines of MCI / DCI / Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI / Government of India / Medical Education, Karnataka / Director Medical Education, Karnataka / Entrance Test Committee.
9) Mere qualifying in UG-NEET-2022 does not confer any right on the candidate unless the candidate fulfils eligibility conditions / submission of certificates / completes the document verification.
10) Further, only the candidates who complete the registration process including document verification are eligible for Medical / Dental seats in Government / Private Colleges in Karnataka.
11) Registered but not verified / Unregistered candidates will not be allowed for any admission either through KEA or by the College, as after the mop-up round, the list of registered and verified but un-allotted candidates will be sent by KEA to colleges to fill-up vacant seats, if any. (As per GOI instructions).

NOTE: All the candidates who have qualified in NEET-UG 2022 are hereby advised to register and complete the document verification process to become eligible for admission to Medical / Dental Courses in the State of Karnataka.

For more details regarding academic eligibility / updates please visit KEA Website: **http://kea.kar.nic.in**

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I, JINCY Mathew residing at St.Annes Generalate, No.2, Millers Road, Bangalore-560001 have changed my name to Alice Mathew vide Affidavit dated 13.10.2022 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bengaluru.

I, Baby Vijayan alias Bebi Vijayan D/o Nambissan Parameswaran, W/o C Vijay Krishnan, residing at 4, 9 Nd Cross, Kanakanagar, Bengaluru - 560032, have changed my name to Krishna Dasi for all purposes in future.

I, Vinutha Nair alias Vinutha P D/o Vijayakrishnan Nair, R/o: 4, 9 Nd Cross, Kanakanagar Kanakanagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru- 560032, changed my name to Vishakha Dasi for all purposes.

I, Abhirami D/o Rajendra, residing at No.13 A Ground Floor 12th Main, BTM Layout 1st Stage, BTM Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560029, changed my to Manha Rajla for all purposes in future.

I, Annamma Kurian alias Anna Kurian D/o Ouseph Kurien, R/o: S4, Mana Regency, Site No 55, Khata No 480, Bellandur, Bengaluru - 560103, changed my name to Anna Kurian for all purposes.

I, Ambika P D/o Vijayakrishnan Chandroth, W/o Suresh Kumar Melathil, residing at C001, Purva Westend, Service Road, Kudlu Gate, Garvebhavipalya, Kudlu, Bengaluru - 560068, have changed my name to Anjali Radha Dasi for all purposes in furture.

I, ARIJIT dependent son of Chandan Guhathakurta, No.6, Mahesh Building Near Vadafone Tower, Kodagala Hatti, H M Halli, Bangalore North-562157, have changed my name from Arijit to Arijit Guha Thakurta vide affidavit dated 28-09-2022 sworn before Notary S.R.Ravikumar B'lore.

I, JOSHI Gopal Mangilal, S/o Mangilal Joshi, R/at No.31, Chunchaghatt Main Road, Near K.C.Circle, Konanakunte Post, Bengaluru-560062, have changed my name from Joshi Gopal Mangilal to Gopal Joshi vide affidavit dated 07/10/2022 before Notary N.Kanchivaradaraju, Bangalore.

LOST & FOUND

CERTIFICATES LOST I, Manjula C.R. the Principal, Gnana Jyothi School, situated NH75, V. Guttahali, Mulbagal, Kolar do acknowledge that we have lost from school the ICSE Pass Certificate, Marks Card and the Migration Certificate of Deekshith Kumar G.M, (Unique ID:7706390) S/o Manjunath G.V. I acknowledge the loss vide affidavit dated 8/10/22 sworn before Notary Munikrishna K.S., Mulbagal.

I SRIKANTH V Managing Partner of Varuna Exports have lost original sale deed bearing Sy no 118/6 registered vide Doc No 108 of 1989 dated 8.02.1989 with Office of the Sub–Registrar, Mailam on 09.10.2022 near JP Nagar Metro Station. Anyone found pls contact 6362444465

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. No. 26638/2018
BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Heera Sam Swaroop M. ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
Mr. Heera Sam Swaroop M., S/o. Vamila Vardhini, Aged about 29 years, Residing at No.105, Muniyappa House, 2nd Floor, Bajanemance Street, Ejipura, Bangalore- 560047
Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking Judgment and Decree for recovery of loan amount of **Rs. 4,62,197.83/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Seven Paise Eighty Three Only)** together with interest at the rate of **21% P.A.** from the date of filing of the Suit to till the date of decree.
Hence, the Defendant hereby gave this notice to appear before the 26th Addl. City Civil and Session Judge, Mayohall at Bangalore Court **(CCH- 20)** on **28/11/2022** At **11:00 AM** either personally or through his Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court this **1st day** of **October, 2022.**
By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
Plaintiff Counsel
M.G.C. & Co., Advocate and Solicitors, No.66, 4th Cross, Xavier Layout, Bangalore - 560047.

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25989/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Triloki Nath Verma ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Triloki Nath Verma, S/o Sri. Shiv Shankar Prasad, Aged about 32 years, No. 29, Apartment No. 301, 'Devlok', 3rd Cross, Thaverekere Main Road, Bangalore- 560 061
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.4,98,123/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three Only) together with interest @ 18% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 05/12/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this10/10/2022.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 26519/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Channabasappa Rotti ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Channabasappa Roti, S/o Sri. Mallikarjuna Roti, Aged about 44 years, Sri Guru Nilaya, Out House, 1st Cross, 1st Main, T Dasarahalli, Kalyan Nagar, Near Bus Stop, Bangalore - 560 057
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.5,00,389/- (Rupees Five Lakh Three Hundred Eighty Nine Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 28/11/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this10/10/2022.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No.10,7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. No. 26569/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 **...Plaintiff**
And
Pratibha Banerjee ...Defendant
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
To,
Pratibha Banerjee,
Aged about 26 years, D/o: Ravinder Banerjee, R/a: 18, Sri Lakshmi Venkatesh FLR Building, Marathahalli, Opp. Lane to Mahabazar, Behind Thalaserry, Bangalore-560 037 **...Defendant**
Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you

INBRIEF

Tiger dies in Bannerghatta

A male tiger, named Suresh, 13, died at the Bannerghatta Biological Park on Wednesday. The tiger was suffering from spinal cord injury and hind quarter paralysis for two years due to a physical injury and was being treated at the Rescue Centre since then, the BBP said in a statement. "The animal was treated according to expert opinion using laser therapy and other supportive treatment for two years. Recently, it became completely recumbent and was not eating, and wounds on both hind legs lead to septicemia," the BBP said.

Two-day conference begins

The fourth International Conference on Recent Advances in Engineering Sciences on the theme 'Next Generation Materials', organised by departments of Ramaiah Institute of Technology – Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Biotechnology, Industrial Engineering and Management, and Chemical Engineering, commenced here on Thursday. The two-day conference marks the diamond jubilee of the institute and birth centenary celebrations of the founder-chairman M.S. Ramaiah.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 14, Friday), the following explainer is available:

- A report on the north-east Delhi riots
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Three more held in forced conversion case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Banashankari police have arrested five people, including a former BBMP councillor, in a case related to forceful conversion.

The accused have been identified as Ansar Pasha, former councillor of Banashankari ward, Nayaz Pasha, president of a local mosque, Haaji Saab, Ataur Rehman, and Shoib.

The police had arrested Ataur Rahman and Shoib earlier while the other three were arrested on Thursday. Nayaz Pasha was nabbed from Tamil Nadu.

According to the police, Sridhar, hailing from Mandya, was interested in converting to Islam. The accused also got the circumcision ritual performed on Sridhar. After that, Sridhar did not want to proceed further but the accused forced him to get converted, the police said.

The case was earlier lodged in Navnagar police station in Hubballi and was transferred to Banashankari police station since the alleged crime took place here.

Sridhar, who had a family problem, got in touch with the accused who offered to help him and allegedly lured him with financial help. The accused promised to him help and transferred ₹50,000 to his account and brought him to Bengaluru to preach and practice Islam.

The accused also allegedly threatened Sridhar with a revolver when he resisted their forceful conversion and strict procedures. They blackmailed him and also threatened him with dire consequences, police said.

In the complaint, Sridhar alleged that the accused had fed him beef in spite of his opposition and sent him to study the Koran at various places. The police have launched an investigation to ascertain whether the accused were running a conversion racket.

Auto services: HC tells govt. to hold one more round of talks with aggregators

Ola and Uber have moved the court questioning Transport Department's Oct. 11 order; court says govt. will have to take care of interests of all stakeholders

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday directed the State government to hold one more round of talks with the app-based transport aggregators on the issues related to the continuation of autorickshaws under the app-based services, and the fare and the service charges to be collected for such operations.

Observing that the State government will have to take care of the interests of the general public, the app-based aggregators, and the vehicle operators offering service through the aggregators, the court said it would continue hearing the petitions filed by the two aggregators on Friday based on the outcome of the talks.

Effort to reach consensus

Justice M.G.S. Kamal issued the directions after the State Advocate-General accepted the court's suggestion of holding another round of meeting (on Thursday afternoon) with the aggregators to "make an effort to reach a consensus, maybe on an ad hoc basis, on the contentious issues".

The Bench was hearing the petitions filed by ANI Technologies Pvt. Ltd., which is offering taxi aggregator service through Ola app, and Uber India Services Pvt. Ltd., which is offering services under Uber app.

The petitioners have questioned the Transport Department's October 11 order asking them to stop offering auto services on their apps and directing them not to collect fares in excess of what has been fixed by the government under the Motor Vehicles Act.

Both the petitioner-aggregators have questioned the legality of the claim of the government that the Karnataka On-Demand Transportation Technology Aggregators Rules, 2016, allows only offering of cars through their apps and not autorickshaws.

While denying the allegation that they are charging fares in excess of what is permitted under law, the petitioners have said they are lawfully collecting 5% GST on the fare amount (collected on behalf of the drivers), and GST at 18% on the service charges levied on the customers for the convenience, comfort and safety transport, which are all value-added services to the customers.

There is no bar in the rules to levy service charges, they have argued while contending that it is for the government to rectify the law if there is any ambiguity. To a query by the court, the advocates of the petitioners have said that they collect service charges from the customer depending upon the fare charged to the class of vehicle booked by the customer.

The petitioners have said that they had obtained licences in 2016 under the Rules, validity of which is under challenge before the High Court, and had applied for renewal of their licences in 2021, which is still pending before the transport authorities.

Definition of taxi

An autorickshaw is included under the definition of "taxi" under the 2016 Rules as it says "taxi means a motor cab having a seating capacity not exceeding six passengers excluding the driver with public service permit on contract," the petitioner claimed while denying the government's claim that autorickshaws services cannot be offered through app-based aggregators.

Meanwhile, A-G Prabhuling K. Navadgi, citing the proceedings of the meeting with the aggregators, argued that one of them had admitted in the meeting that they cannot offer autorickshaw services on their platform. However, it was contended on behalf of the petitioners that they were not signatories to the proceedings.

The petitions have questioned the legality of the government claim that the rule allows only offering of cars through their apps and not autorickshaws. FILE PHOTO

Transport Dept. officials, cab aggregators meet

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the High Court's direction to the State government to meet the taxi aggregators and explore the possibility of reaching a consensus on the rate to be charged for offering autorickshaw services through their apps, a meeting was convened by the Transport Department.

At the meeting chaired by the Principal Secretary Transport Department, the representatives of the taxi aggregators gave their inputs which were recorded.

The inputs will be incorporated in a report which will be submitted before the High Court on Friday, officials of the Transport Department said, without divulging whether a consensus had been reached on the matter.

Garudachar convicted of concealing info in election affidavit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Uday Garudachar, Chickpet MLA, has been convicted by the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate court for submitting false information to the election commission and sentenced to two months in prison and a fine of ₹10,000.

In the affidavit submitted to the Election Commission, Mr. Garudachar had concealed information about his business interests and criminal cases, the court has found. H.G. Prashanth filed a private complaint against him in October 2020 under section 125A of the Representation of the People Act.

The court allowed an application moved by Mr. Garudachar seeking suspension of the sentence. The trial court allowed the application on a surety of ₹25,000.

Reacting to the judgment, Mr. Garudachar told the media that while submitting the affidavit his advocate had accompanied him and suggested ignoring the column asking for any pending cases. It was a 25-year-old civil dispute case and a stay was taken at that time. The second case was regarding a problem with the amount mentioned in the bank account of his wife which, he said, was not worth mentioning. Regarding the conviction, he said he would challenge it in the higher court.

Woman ends life, husband arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 31-year-old homemaker has reportedly ended her life due to an extramarital affair of her husband and frequent harassment to her.

The deceased, Chandaraj Singh, married Narender Singh, a businessman from Ramamurthynagar, 10 years ago and the couple had two sons. Purushotham Tej Pal, the elder brother of the deceased, accused Narender of having an affair and harassing Chandaraj for objecting to his affair. Unable to bear the harassment she allegedly ended her life on Saturday. Based on a complaint, Narender was arrested on the charges of dowry harassment and abetment to suicide.

(Those in distress or those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph.: 104 for help.)

Nature's art

A rainbow, as seen from the flyover near K.R. Market in Bengaluru, in the early hours of Thursday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

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28	12822 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SHALIMAR	26.10.22, 1500hrs.
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32	12880 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-LOKAMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	26.10.22, 1540hrs.
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34	22202 & (3.9 T)	PURI-SEALDAH	26.10.22, 1600hrs.
35	22805 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	26.10.22, 1610hrs.
36	22823 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI	26.10.22, 1620hrs.
37	20837 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-JUNAGARH ROAD	27.10.22, 1030hrs.
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Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C A comfortable but humid weather to continue. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate to heavy rain and thundershower to occur.

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Red sanders smuggling ring unearthed, five held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Mahalakshmi Layout police unearthed an inter-State smuggling racket, arrested five people, and recovered 1,400 kg of red sanders from them.

The accused have been identified as Siddaraju, Prajwal, Lokesh, Devaraju, and Govindaswamy. Siddaraju and Prajwal were arrested when they were waiting for their customers to deliver 11 kg of red sander logs near ISKCON temple.

Hidden in farmhouse

Based on their information, the police raided a farmhouse belonging to Govindasawamy in Tamil Nadu and recovered 1,400 kg of red sander logs. The accused confessed that they had poached red sanders from the Devalapura forest area in Mandya district, chopped them into small logs, and transported them in pick-up trucks to the farmhouse in Tamil Nadu to hide them.

Habitual offender

The accused would then move around Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and parts of Karnataka to sell them. Of the arrested, Govindaswamy is a habitual offender involved in similar offences in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, the police, said.

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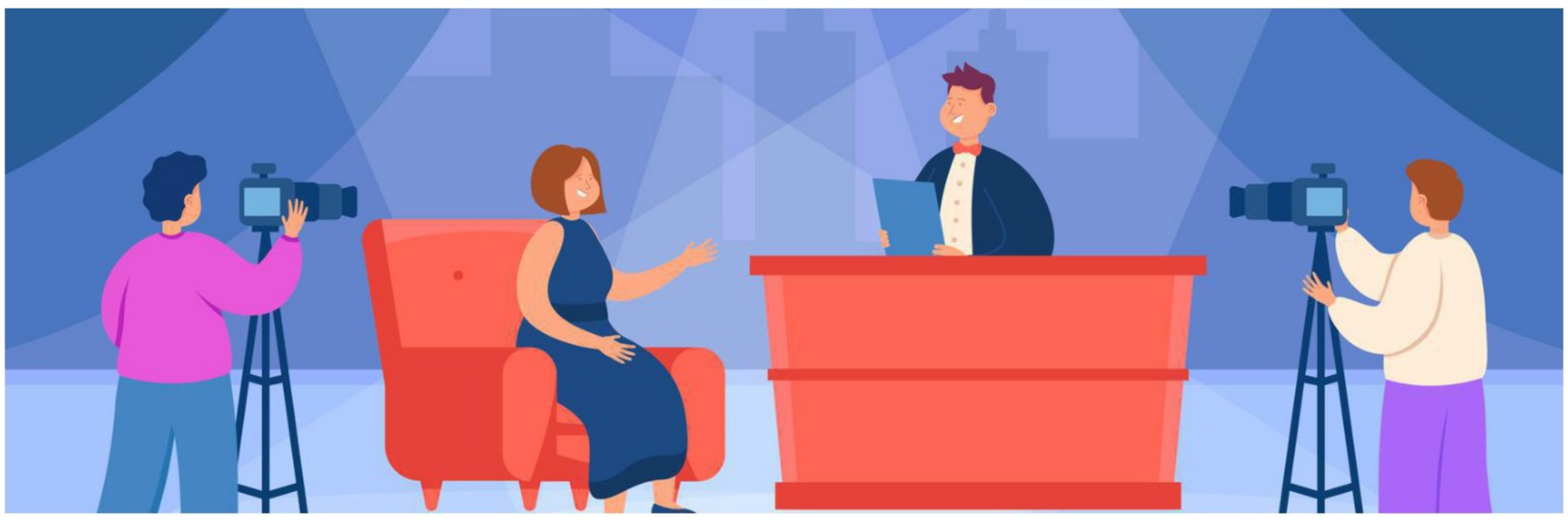

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The 'celebrity' remake: how actor, audience interactions have changed over the years

With the explosion of television channels and social media platforms, the figure of the 'star' has undergone a drastic change. While the aura around them has reduced, making them more accessible to the public, it has also resulted in instances where basic decency and decorum are flouted

S.R. Praveen

In a 1992 interview that had gone viral recently, Malayalam actor Sai Kumar, then a newcomer to the industry, was seen speaking with disarming candour, on the state of cinema at that point of time. "To be honest, Malayalam cinema at present is unbearable. Is there anything memorable being made? I don't even remember the names of some of the films I acted in".

It was a time before the spread of private television channels, when stars were not seen in much in public, other than on the big screen. The only other portals into their world were the film magazines, which brought to the people news from film sets along with liberal doses of gossip. The rare television interview would have the typical set of questions, which at times would elicit forthright responses that would tell us more about the actor and the person, as can be seen in the Sai Kumar interview mentioned above. There would be serious discussions on cinema as a medium, and even introspection of their own choices, as had happened in one of Mohanlal's first television interviews with Doordarshan. This was the more common format rather than the typical informal chats that would discuss salacious gossip from their private lives or the film sets.

Cinema in our hands

With the explosion of television channels, the world of the actors became more accessible to the common public, with many of them appearing regularly with their families for interviews timed for festivals like Onam. The nature of the interviews did not change much in this period too, although a fun element was injected into some of these, differentiating them from the prim and proper, and at times sedate, interviews seen in the state-owned television channel. The general audience still did not have much of a direct access to the film stars, for which they had to wait till the social media era.

Actors and filmmakers through their social media presence opened the doors to the current phase of celebrity culture, in which film celebrities are expected to be active, online and offline. The changing nature of the moviemaking business, with crores riding on each film, also meant that promotional activities are now very much part of the job of the actors and filmmakers. It is no longer a choice. From making the rounds in popular campuses, appearing in crowded malls to interviews with television channels, YouTube channels, FM stations and Instagram/Facebook live appearances, most of them have a hectic schedule ahead of a film release these days. It can even be more exhausting than a film shoot, so much so that most of the actors now provide only interviews related to pre-release promotions and rarely sit down for a long profile interview in the old-fashioned way.

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Some of these promotional activities, especially mall appearances, campus shows and frequent social media appearances have made the actors more accessible to the common man than in the past, in a way reducing the aura once associated with them. From coy requests for autographs on the rare occasion of spotting a film celebrity in public, the actors now are forced to pose for numerous selfies in each of these appearances. There have been times when things had gone out of hand too, like the recent incident where two female actors were sexually assaulted at a mall by some people in the crowd while they were leaving after attending a promotional function.

Changing conversations

The nature of star interviews have also undergone quite a change, with a large number of them being superficial, having nothing to do with even the film they are trying to promote. These are a world away from the interviews like the one Sai Kumar had given in 1992. It was in one such interview recently given to a YouTube channel that Sreenath Bhasi had an alleged abusive outburst, which eventually led to his arrest and a temporary ban from film productions. The actor, who apologised, tried to defend his conduct by pointing at the punishing schedule of promotional events and the silly nature of the questions which were repeatedly posed to him. But, another video of his interviews to an FM station, in which he could be heard hurling expletives at the anchor, did not help matters.

Bhasi with his alleged abusive outburst, lost the opportunity to turn the tables on some of these Youtube channels, which are known for click-bait content, and often pry into the personal lives of the actors, in an attempt to imitate the *Koffee With Karan* format. In one particularly cringe-worthy interview, actor Asif Ali was asked whether he had gone out with anyone without his wife's knowledge. The actor, without losing his cool, asked her to maintain some standards while framing questions. Actor Aparna Balamurali recently shared her disappointing experience of being asked about her crush in an interview, right after winning the National Award. Even senior television anchors have been known for questions which are meant to elicit information about their personal lives. In one such instance, actor Shobhana chided the anchor for asking a personal question, despite being told earlier not to. Comments which they made in interviews have landed a bunch of younger actors, including Shane Nigam, Shine Tom Chacko and Dhyan Sreenivasan, in controversies. But this is not to say that fun interviews are a strict no-no. Quite a few online channels have interviewers who know how to strike the right balance between fun and sincere.

Constant censoring

Actors and filmmakers who are known for making serious comments might also be more guarded now, given the online backlash that follows some of their utterances. Actor Parvathy was viciously trolled and abused on various online platforms after she commented on certain misogynistic scenes in a superstar movie. Similarly, actor Nikhila Vimal was also at the receiving end of abusive comments after her statements supporting beef eating. Raising a genuine concern or expressing one's choices openly is now fraught with the danger of attracting the anger of regressive elements, who often hide behind anonymous accounts. Yet, it is commendable that some of them have stuck to their guns.

Even if they remain silent, the women actors now invariably face a barrage of sexist comments. Younger actors like Anaswara Rajan and Esther Anil, who are just out of their teens, are often victims of uncharitable comments on their attire. The lack of platforms for the public to make such anonymous comments in the past might have spared yesteryear actors from such attacks. Yet, it is these same platforms that have enabled large groups of people to come out and express solidarity with these young actors facing unfair attacks.

Trolling and cybercrime

From a time when the printed word or the rare television appearance were the only ways for viewers to have an idea of the lives of actors outside their movies, it has now reached a point where every action of the actor in public spaces is watched and scrutinised by admirers and detractors alike. It has at times turned out to be positive for some actors like Tovino Thomas, especially during the time he came out to take part in the flood relief efforts in 2018. On the other hand, there are others like actor and producer Vijay Babu, who came on an infamous Facebook live video and named the survivor after a woman actor raised sexual abuse allegations against him, leading to cyber attacks on her social media profiles. Rape accused actor Dileep's army of online supporters have also been relentlessly campaigning about his "innocence" and attacking anyone who mentions the allegations against him. It has become easier for those with star power and a following to push false narratives that are favourable to them.

The era of actors being seen more on the screen, than off it, has certainly passed. It has had its positives too, especially in allowing them to maintain somewhat of a personal connection with their fans. There have also been quite a few bright spots amid the epidemic of shallow interviews. But recent episodes have shown that the lines of decency and acceptable conduct are crossed, at times from the celebrity's side and at others from the anchors' side, in the mad rush to create the next viral content.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"What's the difference between 'homework' and 'housework', sir?

" 'Homework' is what teachers ask their pupils to do at home. Of course, these days it is generally done by their parents. 'Homework' is also used in the sense of 'study or research in preparation for some project or activity'. When some one tells you that you haven't done your homework, it means that you haven't made adequate preparation for the work you have undertaken to do. 'Housework' is domestic work like cleaning, cooking, dusting, laundering and so on."

"Sir, how do you pronounce 'dissect? Is it die-sect or di-sect?"

" It is not die-sect; it is di-sect. The stress is on the second syllable 'sect'."

" 'What is the meaning of 'The matter is in the pipeline', sir?"

It means it is 'on the way.' When something is in progress, you say that the matter is in the pipeline. Pipeline is a line of pipes used for conveying liquid or gas. Oil in the pipeline is oil yet to arrive. The oil is on its way. A proposal in the pipeline is a proposal on its way.

Measures to reform our educational system are in the pipeline.

The chairman of the company announced that a new product was in the pipeline."

"Sir, what's the meaning of 'He would sit on the bench for hours' ?"

"It means that it was his habit to sit on the bench for a long time. 'Would' here is used to express repeated or habitual past action. Listen to this now and see if the context makes the meaning clear.

Once there, Ram would start playing with his nephew. He would usually be accompanied by his wife. He would give some chocolates to his nephew. After playing with him, he would talk to others. A few more examples:

He would return home late in the night.

He would go to the hotel every evening.

Every day he would go for a walk after supper.

She would sit there in the evening waiting for her husband.

Well, let's stop here. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The Election Commission of India recently allotted election symbols to the two factions of the Shiv Sena. Here's a quiz on party symbols

QUESTION 1
This party's election symbol is an elephant, which is the same symbol used by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Scheduled Castes Federation. Name the party.

QUESTION 2
Inspired by M. Karunanidhi's 1950s play *Udaya Suryan*, this party's election symbol is intended to signify the "rising" spirit of the Dravidian people. Name the party and the symbol.

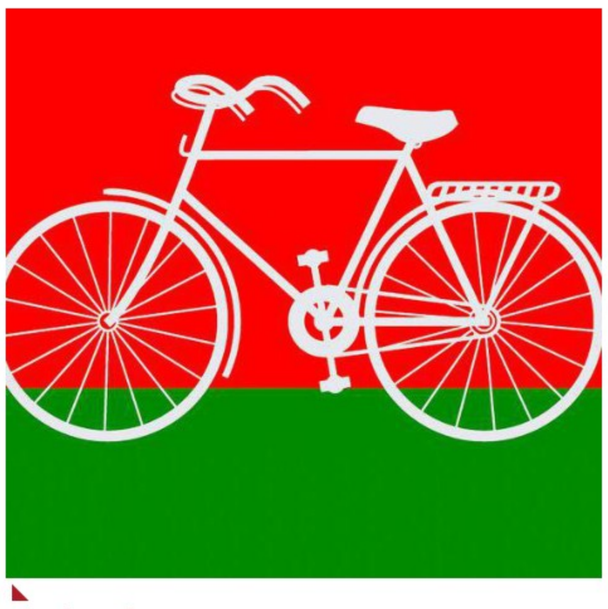
QUESTION 3
Founded in 1920, this party is the second oldest in India after the Indian National Congress. Identify this party, whose election symbol is a set of scales.

QUESTION 4
Based in Maharashtra, this party was founded in 2006 by Raj Thackeray and uses a train as its election symbol. Name the party.

QUESTION 5
This party was established by a former member of the Congress, who served for over 26 years before she quit. She went on to found this party, whose election symbol is 'Jora Ghas Phul'. Name the party and its founder.

QUESTION 6
People's Democracy, *Ganashakti*, *Deshabhimani*, and *Theekkathir* are newspapers circulated by which party, whose election symbol is a hammer and sickle?

QUESTION 7
The Bharatiya Janata Party broke away from this parent party in 1980 to become independent. Name this party, dissolved in 1977, whose election symbol was a lamp.



Visual question:
Name the party that this flag represents. The founder of this party passed away earlier this week.

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. M&M stands for the names of these two veteran chocolatiers. **Ans: Bruce Murrie and Forrest Mars Sr.**
2. A regular single serve of this chocolate bar adds these many peanuts. **Ans: Snickers, 16**
3. One of the iconic episodes of this American sitcom was shot entirely in the See's candy factory. **Ans: *I Love Lucy***
4. The Milky Way chocolate bar was named after this. **Ans: It was named after a popular malted milk drink**
5. Pilot Mike Melvill flew this space vehicle into low-Earth orbit. **Ans: SpaceShipOne in 2004**
6. This 2013 SNL skit, centered around a commercial for Dove chocolate, features Vanessa Bayer and this popular actor. **Ans: Kevin Hart**
Visual: The area in Pennsylvania State where the streetlights are shaped like Hershey's Kisses. **Ans: Chocolate Avenue in Hershey**
Early Birds: Abeer Goel| Hiba V. M.| Abhilasha Narendra
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Word of the day

Enervate:
weaken mentally or morally

Synonyms: unnerve, faze, upset

Usage: *Multiple rejections have enervated her will to look for another job.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/enervatepro

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Intermittent power supply

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There will be intermittent power supply on Saturday between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the areas serviced from 66/11-kV Sarakki substation. The areas to be affected include Shakambarinagar, J.P. Nagar 1st Phase, 14th Cross, Puttenahalli, and Jayanagar 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th Blocks.

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BMRCL to conduct trial run on Whitefield metro line from October 25

For the first time, digital tools are being used to assess the alignment of parallel tracks

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is all set to conduct the trial run on the Baiyappanahalli-Whitefield stretch of Namma Metro's Purple Line from October 25.

BMRCL officials on Thursday loaded the coaches at the Baiyappanahalli depot for the trial run. Anjum Parwez, Managing Director, BMRCL, said, "The coaches loaded at Baiyappanahalli will be transported at night to Whitefield depot, and then will be unloaded on Friday at 9.30 a.m."

Metro rail coaches being loaded at the Baiyappanahalli depot in Bengaluru on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Trolley inspection

Senior officers from all the related departments carried out motor trolley inspection of the rail infrastructure from Whitefield to Garudacharpalya metro station on Thursday.

Mr. Parwez said the station-related work needs to be speeded up for completion by January-end before inviting the Commissioner of Rail Safety for inspection in the first week of February next year. "Trolley inspection went smoothly. For the first time, we are using digital tools to assess the alignment of parallel tracks," he said.

Line to Challaghatta

The extended Purple Line from Mysuru Road station to Kengeri is already operational. The line from Kengeri to Challaghatta is expected to be operational next year. Construction of a depot at Challaghatta is in progress.

RITES JV, the joint venture company owned by RITES and Power Mech Projects, has emerged as L-1 bidder for the construction of a depot-cum-workshop at Challaghatta Depot in Reach-2 extension of Bengaluru Metro Rail Project, Phase-2. The BMRCL has given the Letter of Award worth ₹499.41 crore, according officials.

The BMRCL is implementing the project under phase 2 of Namma Metro. It has so far managed to open only two lines under Phase 2 – Silk Institute to Yelachenahalli on Kanakapura Road, and Mysuru Road to Kengeri.

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INBRIEF

Land-grab prohibition Bill receives Governor's assent

The Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2022, which was passed in the Legislative Assembly in September, 2022, to avoid criminal proceedings against farmers who have encroached the government land in rural areas, received assent of Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot. The Act excludes all the places from the purview of the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Act except within the limits of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and the City Corporations.

Rahul Gandhi meets silk farmers at Molakalmur

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, MP, whose Bharat Jodo Yatra is passing through Karnataka, on Thursday met silk farmers at Molakalmur in Chitradurga district before addressing the public. Leaders of the party, including Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, later climbed a water tank and waved the national flag. The yatra will enter Ballari on Friday.

Initiative for imparting skills for youth in State

Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC) and non-profit organisation Quest Alliance have announced an initiative aimed at providing employability skills to youth in Karnataka. Over 6,000 youth in 140 skills centres will benefit from the pilot phase of the initiative, which is rolled out in seven districts of Kalyana Karnataka region - Kalaburagi, Raichur, Yadgir, Koppal, Ballari, Bidar, and Vijayanagara, said a release. As part of this initiative, trainers in KSDC skill centres will be trained to impart communication skills, digital skills, diversity and inclusion, as well as financial literacy, it added. Trainers will then impart these skills to learners, using ed-tech tools and blended learning techniques to enhance learning efficacy.

In relief to farmers, area under rabi crops likely to increase by 15% in State

High water level in reservoirs and tanks, and moisture in the soil will allow expansion of crop area in rabi and summer seasons: Agriculture Dept.

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Encouraged by high water level in almost all reservoirs, major and medium lakes/tanks, Karnataka is expected to increase area during the rabi season by at least 15% which will help farmers recover from crop loss incurred owing to floods during the kharif season.

In the rabi season, the Agriculture Department has set a target of 26.68 lakh hectares for sowing in different districts of the State. FILE PHOTO

Excess rainfall

Owing to excess rainfall in almost all districts and intermittent rains in October, the moisture content in the soil is suitable for expansion of the area under crops both during the rabi and summer seasons. "We expect a good harvest as the water in major reservoirs and tanks across the State is more than the average of the last few years," senior officials of the Agriculture Department told *The Hindu*.

The State received 1,019 mm rain during monsoon ending September 30, against the normal rainfall of 852 mm, an increase of 20%. In the rabi season, the department has set a target of 26.68 lakh hectares for sowing in different districts of the State. Farmers largely undertake sowing crops such as wheat, horse gram, cow pea, green gram, Bengal gram, jowar, mustard, barley sesame during the rabi season. "Continuing rain preceded by an active south west monsoon has given an impetus to agriculture activity for the rabi season in all districts," the officials said. The water level at Linganamakki, Varahi, Harangi, Hemavathi, KRS, Kabini, Tungabhadra, Ghataprabha, Malaprabha, Almatti, and Narayanapura reservoirs has been consistently higher when compared to the corresponding periods of the last 10 years. With high moisture level in soil and availability of water, officials said farmers are expected to sow five lakh hectares more area than the targeted area during the rabi season.

Out of 3,673 minor irrigation tanks in the State, close to 80% of the tanks had storages more than 70% of their respective capacity even in traditionally drought-prone regions.

Floods caused damage to standing crops on 9.22 lakh hectares in the kharif season. Crops on 80 lakh hectares were sown against the target of 82 lakh hectares. The kharif's foodgrain target was 114.54 lakh tonnes.

The foodgrain target of the State for all three seasons - kharif, rabi and summer crops - was 148 lakh tonnes during 2022-23. The loss of foodgrain that occurred at kharif season would be recovered from expected increase in area and yields during the rabi and summer seasons crops, the officials said.

Quantum of rain

Received this monsoon till Sept. 30	Normal average rainfall
1,019 mm	852 mm

Increase: About 20%

AREA UNDER CULTIVATION

Target set for rabi season	Target set for kharif	Crop sown during kharif
26.68 lakh hectares	82 lakh hectares	80 lakh hectares

Bommai instructs DCs to visit rain-affected areas to ensure there is no lapse in providing relief

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following unprecedented rain in Karnataka in the last few days, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai instructed Deputy Commissioners to visit rain-hit areas to ensure no lapse in the distribution of relief.

The north-east monsoon claimed the lives of 13 persons, and damaged 3,309 houses and standing crops on 6,279 hectares since October 1. The south-west monsoon had damaged crops on 9.90 lakh hectares.

Reports of lapses

During a videoconferencing with Deputy Commissioners of Dharwad, Davangere, Belagavi, Vijayanagara, Gadag, and Kalaburagi districts on Thursday, Mr. Bommai said he has received reports of lapses in some places while recording rain-related damage.

"The memoranda seeking relief must be based on ground reality. Action must be initiated against staff who show dereliction of duty. The Commissioner of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) must issue a circular to provide additional relief, other than as per NDRF guidelines, for rain damages," he said.

He told the Deputy Commissioners to visit the spot without fail and issue proper instructions to tahsildars on recording rain-related damage as well as in the distribution of compensation.

Mr. Bommai said input subsidy must be disbursed on priority, and the relief for rain-related damage that occurred in October 2021 must be disbursed within this month after a joint survey immediately. "All preventive measures must be taken to check breach of tanks," said.

The construction of bridges must be prioritised. Broken electricity poles and transformers must be repaired within 24 hours and power supply restored, he said.

"There is no dearth of funds to distribute compensation for house and crop damage. However, with regard to damage to infrastructure, an action plan must be prepared to seek funds and initiate work accordingly," he said, adding that another meeting will be held after three days on damage to infrastructure.

Ahead of Rahul's Ballari rally, Bommai harps on Sonia's LS victory and 'betrayal'

The Hindu Bureau
BALLARI

With Congress leader and MP Rahul Gandhi's Karnataka leg of Bharat Jodo Yatra set to culminate in Ballari on October 15 with a rally, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday launched an attack targeting AICC president Sonia Gandhi who had won from this constituency in 1999.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai

Speaking on the third day of Jana Sankalpa Yatre in Huvina Hadagali, Mr. Bommai said that Bharat Jodo Yatra was approaching Ballari and the people of town should not forget that Ms. Gandhi had "run away" from here after people of Ballari elected her to Lok Sabha.

"You [people of Ballari] had supported the Congress and its leader Ms. Gandhi by electing her to the Lok Sabha. After winning the election, she resigned and chose a seat in Uttar Pradesh. People of Ballari had a lot of expectations from her. But, she betrayed them. Excepting establishing a thermal power station, the Congress did nothing for Ballari. Now, her son Mr. Rahul is coming to Ballari to give you more false promises," Mr. Bommai said.

'A puppet'

Also continuing his attack on Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, Mr. Bommai accused the government led by him of being "a puppet of the high command" and giving "contributions" to it.

'The previous Congress government in the State was an ATM for Congress high command'

"The previous Congress government in the State was an ATM for Congress high command. The Congress government looted the State and paid a part to party high command. In the process of doing it, D.K. Shivakumar [present president of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee] got entangled in many cases. He is facing the Enforcement Directorate enquiry because of the wrongdoings of the Congress high command," Mr. Bommai said.

Reservation: Panchamasali community sets October 21 as fresh deadline for government

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BJP government, which has decided to raise reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, is under pressure from Panchamasali community to bring them in 2A reservation category again. While the community leaders have undertaken padayatra and several protests to push their demands in the recent past, they have set a fresh deadline of October 21 for the government to accept the demand.

On Thursday, Panchamasali seer Jayamruthyunjaya Swami said the community leaders will decide on the next course of action on October 21 at a huge rally being organised at Hukkeri in Belagavi district if the government does not respond.

Currently, the Panchamasalis, a sub sect of Lingayats, are in category 3-B for the purpose of reservation, and have been vociferously demanding the change of category for the last two years. The change of category is expected to bring the community more opportunities in education and employment.

Urging Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to convene an all party meeting and announce a decision on the issue, the Koodalasangama Mutt seer said that the community has the capability to stage a huge protest in front of Vidhana Soudha, and a decision would be taken at Hukkeri. "As many as 32 Lingayat sub castes are already in 2A category. Promises have been made several times but the demand has not been met. When will you (government) agree to our demand?" he asked.

No link to letters

Distancing himself from the demand raised by BJP legislators Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and Arvind Bellad on OBC reservation issue, that minority quota should be cut and redistributed among OBCs, he said, "We have nothing to do with their letters. The government has to decide."

BEML to take part in DEFEXPO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BEML Limited will participate in the 12th biennial edition of defence exhibition and showcase its products at the indoor and outdoor pavilions during DEFEXPO 2022, which is focussed on the theme 'Path to pride'.

The exhibition will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from October 18 to 22.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TIRUNELVELI HIGHWAYS, (Construction & Maintenance) CIRCLE
T.N. No. 11/2022-23/D1, TENDER NOTICE Dated : 13.10.2022

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Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **21.10.2022** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible Class-III and above contractors registered in KPWD in two tender document system in (e-portal) for 1)Construction of District Integrated Public Health Laboratory at Davanagere District Hospital in Davanagere District & 2)Construction of District Integrated Public Health Laboratory at SNR District Hospital in Kolar District.Each work Estimate cost is Rs.111.00Lakhs, EMD-2.00Lakhs, stipulated period of completion is 6 months including monsoon- (Refer e-portal for further details).

Calendar of Events: 1. Last date for receipt of tenders :27.10.2022 upto 16.00 hrs. 2. Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : 29.10.2022 at 16.00 hrs.

The tender details can be downloaded from the e-Procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.

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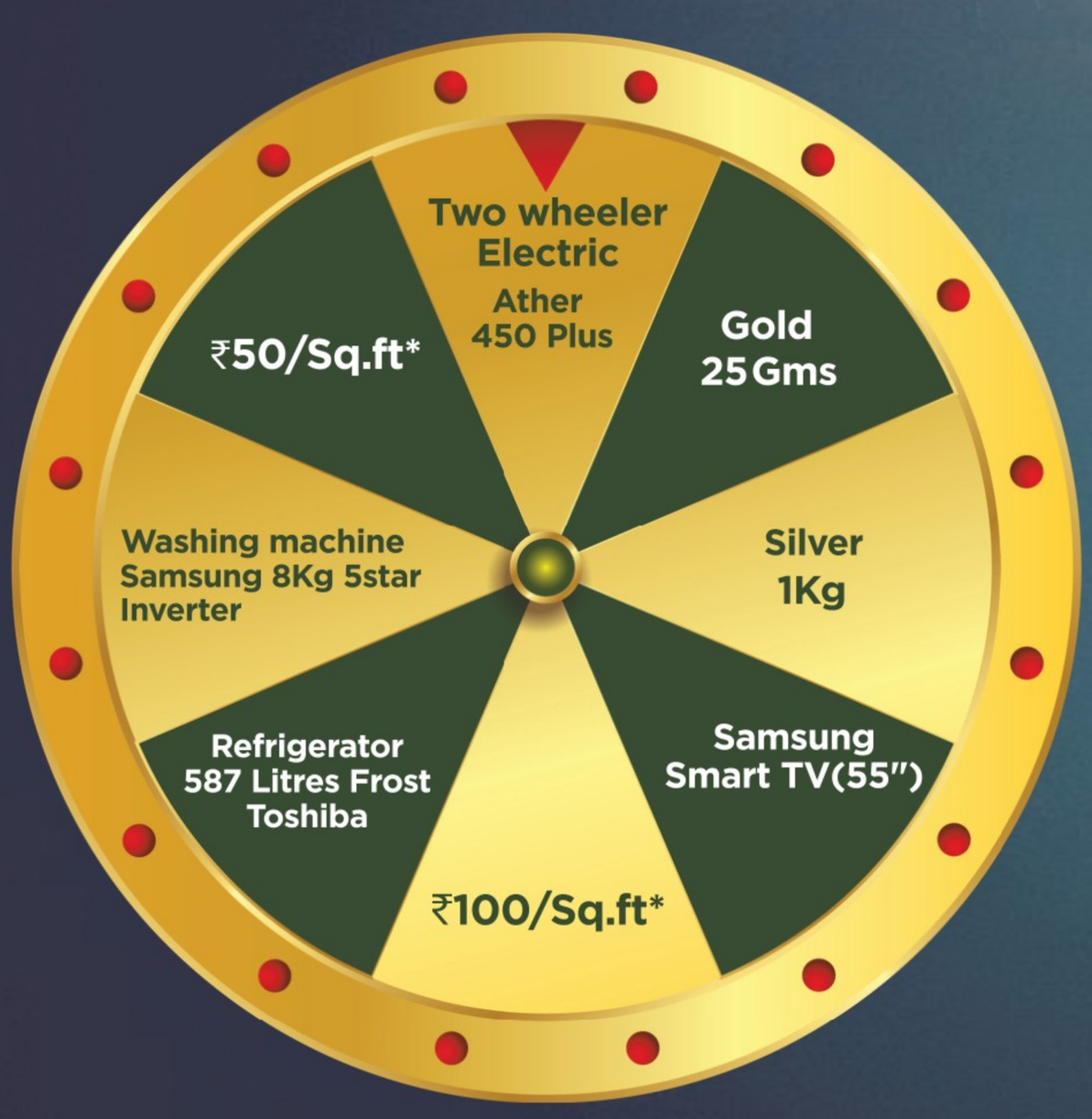

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Legal woes mount for Congress MLA in rape case

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Legal woes mounted for Congress legislator Eldose P. Kunnappillil on Thursday, with the Kerala Police indicting him for repeatedly raping a woman on a false promise of marriage under Section 376 (2) (n) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The provision entails a punishment of a minimum of 10 years of rigorous imprisonment, which may be extended to incarceration for life and a sizeable fine.

The police said the Perumbavoor MLA remained incommunicado. They have reportedly widened their dragnet to arrest him.

Officers are also poised to inform the Speaker about Mr. Kunnappillil's arraignment.

Heavy downpour brings Hyderabad to its knees

Wednesday's rainfall wreaked havoc on Telangana's capital with several roads getting submerged and leaving vehicle users stranded; flood water entered several homes in many localities

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Incessant downpour for the major part of Wednesday evening left Hyderabad gasping, with roads and streets under water and motorists stranded on road for hours. The after-effects on Thursday were no less taxing, with several areas grappling with inundation.

Balanagar received the highest rainfall of over 10 cm, followed by Alwal at 9.6 cm. Drains overflowed everywhere, turning roads into streams.

For dozens of vehicles on the Suchitra-Kompally Road of NH-44, the downpour and its aftermath were nothing short of a hellish experience on Wednesday night. It was bumper-to-bumper traffic on the road with little relief from the heavy downpour.

Harrowing experience: People had a tough time as vehicles were stranded in many areas due to rain in Hyderabad. G. RAMAKRISHNA

On the Begumpet-Paradise-Secunderabad stretch, traffic jam was witnessed for more than a km, as flood water prevented free flow of traffic.

The airport flyover was the only available road as the road adjacent to it leading to the airport disappeared under the flood water.

Rain in Anantapur

Heavy rainfall in Anantapur, Rayadurg, and Bukkarayasamudram mandals of Andhra Pradesh in 24 hours ending Thursday morning led to water inflow into Pandameru, Thadakaleru, and Nadimivanka that kept many houses inundated. The SDRF teams along with the police and fire service personnel rescued 1,200 people from six colonies.

(With inputs from Anantapur)

Flight makes emergency landing in Hyderabad

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/HYDERABAD

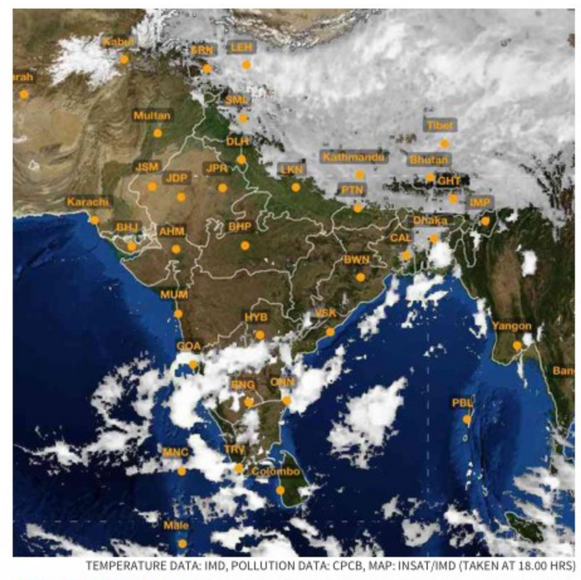
A "full scale emergency" was declared when smoke was observed in the cockpit of SpiceJet flight no SG 3735 from Goa to Hyderabad on Wednesday at 11 p.m. The flight had 86 passengers on board. Aviation regulator DGCA is probing the incident, according to officials.

"The plane landed safely and passengers disembarked through the emergency exit. One passenger sustained minor scratches," a DGCA official said.

Airport sources said the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting team immediately evacuated all passengers to safety amid heavy rain, but about nine flights got diverted to Bengaluru and Chennai in the process.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Odisha, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	18	34.2	24.6	Kozhikode	—	34.5	24.8
Ahmedabad	—	35.1	22.4	Kurnool	40	28.9	21.9
Aizawl	—	24.0	19.6	Lucknow	—	32.2	22.7
Allahabad	—	33.8	24.2	Madurai	3	32.0	23.7
Bengaluru	4	29.0	20.6	Mangaluru	—	30.2	23.5
Bhopal	—	—	20.2	Mumbai	29	31.6	24.6
Bhubaneswar	21	32.3	24.0	Mysuru	—	31.3	21.3
Chandigarh	—	32.9	18.4	New Delhi	—	31.0	18.5
Chennai	—	32.6	26.8	Patna	—	32.2	24.2
Coimbatore	—	32.7	22.4	Port Blair	0.3	31.0	23.8
Dehradun	—	30.3	17.2	Puducherry	—	32.9	24.8
Gangtok	8	18.4	14.0	Pune	—	27.3	21.2
Goa	—	30.9	24.2	Raipur	—	32.0	23.7
Guwahati	14	29.4	23.2	Ranchi	2	29.0	21.5
Hubballi	—	27.0	22.0	Shillong	2	24.0	16.1
Hyderabad	69	29.7	19.6	Shimla	3	21.0	11.0
Imphal	0.2	30.7	19.0	Srinagar	—	23.4	7.8
Jaipur	—	32.0	20.7	Thiruvananthapuram	10	30.9	23.6
Kochi	0.4	30.6	24.2	Tiruchi	—	34.1	24.4
Kohima	2	23.0	15.4	Vijayawada	3	32.2	25.4
Kolkata	10	34.0	24.6	Visakhapatnam	—	32.9	26.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	100	99	.20	170	167	
Bengaluru	7	19	.43	66	65	
Chennai	3	32	120	74	68	
Delhi	.22	88	.12	129	327	
Hyderabad	.12	5	125	49	62	
Kolkata	3	14	.18	35	54	
Lucknow	.15	.20	.58	79	91	
Mumbai	8	104	.97	65	140	
Pune	—	23	.58	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	.34	.29	.15	—	—	—

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Katihar, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 243 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Maihar, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 11

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

From Page One

Six-year norm for class I admission relaxed

"Experts and paediatricians have opined that school education is not advisable for children until they complete six years and sending them to school below that age will create unnecessary pressure on them. Across the nation, the six years norm has been implemented in 23 states and we are only following the same," he said.

The department has decided to evaluate students before promoting them to the next class at the classes V and VIII by conducting taluk- and district-level examinations.

Mr. Nagesh said, "We are planning to introduce evaluation for class V and VIII students from the current academic year."

'Human sacrifice': accused in police custody

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Regressive acts such as human sacrifice backtrack society at a time when science and technology lead society towards progress and development, the Ernakulam Judicial Magistrate of First Class 8 has noted.

Magistrate Eldos Mathew made the observation while granting the police custody of the three accused, Muhammed Shafi, Bhagaval Singh, and Laila Bhagaval Singh, in the Elanthur 'human sacrifice' case. The accused were sent to police custody till October 24.

Accused in the Kerala 'human sacrifice' case of Elanthoor being taken by the police on Thursday. THULASI KAKKAT

The alleged incident, which has no parallel in Kerala in the recent past, has stunned the conscious-ness of society as a whole. The spirit of the Constitution is to promote scientific temper. However, Facebook, mobile phone, and YouTube are being mainly used for spreading weird beliefs, superstitions, and rituals, the court noted.

The prosecution case is that the accused murdered and mutilated two women as part of a ritualistic human sacrifice aiming at financial prosperity.

M.C. Anish, Assistant Public Prosecutor, submitted that the first accused, Shafi, was a sexual pervert.

T.N. only State to achieve Jal Jeevan Mission target

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CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu has emerged as the only State that has achieved the target for the first and second quarter (Q1 and Q2) of 2022 for Jal Jeevan Mission with 69.57 lakh households of the 1.25 crore households in the State having been provided tap connections till date, according to official data.

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat visited Chennai and reviewed the progress of work on the mission, which aims at providing potable tap water to every rural household by 2024, in the presence of Municipal Administration and Water Supply Minister K.N. Nehru.

Divine serenity

Prayer time: Monks praying on the occasion of the birth centenary of Acharya Buddharakkhita (founder, Maha Bodhi Organisation) at Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara, Mahendra Hills, in Telangana's Secunderabad district on Thursday. NAGARA GOPAL

Officials skip meeting of Petition Committee of Karnataka Assembly

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Petition Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Thursday decided to complain to Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma after senior civic officials missed a meeting called by the committee in Bengaluru to discuss issues at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (NPKL).

The committee met to discuss two main issues – lack of infrastructure at NPKL being developed by Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) and the inordinate delay in the proposed transfer of Bandemutt Layout from the Karnataka Housing Board to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Suryakiran A.S., spokesperson of NPKL Open-Forum, said, "In the case of NPKL, only BDA Engineering member H.S. Shantharajanna appeared. Urban Development Department, ACS, Rakesh Singh, sent a letter citing his inability to attend as he had to appear for an NGT hearing. BDA Commissioner G. Kumar Naik skipped the meeting without explaining why he was not attending the meeting."

Members upset

"In the case of Bandemutt Layout also, no BBMP official, including Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, participated. The BBMP officials did not bother to send any letter explaining why they were skipping the meeting. This angered the committee, which saw it as a grave disrespect to a Committee of the Legislature, which represents the will of the people," he added.

To write to CS

The committee took serious note of the absence of officials and decided to write to the Chief Secretary highlighting the disrespect the BDA and the BBMP have shown to a Legislature Committee, and non-cooperation from both the bodies in resolving the issues faced by people.

College girl killed after being pushed in front of train

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A 20-year-old girl was killed after she was deliberately pushed in the path of a moving train at St. Thomas Mount station here on Thursday.

The police said the victim, identified as M. Sathya, 20, was the daughter of a woman constable and studying B. Com at a city college. The accused is D. Sathish, 23. His father is a retired special sub-inspector of police. Both were living at the police quarters at Alandur.

Around noon, the girl, accompanied by her classmate, came to the railway station to take a train to T. Nagar. The accused followed her and had a heated argument with her while they stood on the platform. He suddenly pushed her in front of a train heading from Tambaram to Egmore. She was decapitated. He fled the spot. Police sources said the two had been in love and she had avoided him recently. Both had a dispute that their families were aware of.

Railway Police personnel inspect the spot where the girl was killed on Thursday. (inset) M. Sathya. B. VELANKANNI RAJ

ADGP, Railways, V. Vanitha told *The Hindu*, "Special teams have been constituted to trace the accused."

Local growers worried as Union govt. decides to import areca from Bhutan

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

They fear that this will bring down the prices in the local market

Areca growers of Malnad region are up in arms over the recent Central government decision to import green arecanut from Bhutan. The unconditional consent to import 17,000 tonnes of arecanut will bring down the price in the local market, they fear.

Protests planned

Growers, who are already facing difficulties due to yellow-leaf disease and leaf spot disease, that brought down the yield significantly in many parts of the region, are planning protests against the move. Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) has called for a protest march in Shivamogga on Friday on this issue. Karnataka stands first among areca growers in the country. In recent years, the areca growing area has spread to new places.

"At present, areca is grown in 23 districts of the state. Among them, Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga, Dakshina Kannada, and Hassan top the list," said Ramesh Hegde, president of Areca Growers' Association in Shivamogga district.

The decision to import arecanut without minimum import price would benefit a few merchants but leave the growers to suffer, they feel. "This is the time when arrivals to the market go up. There is no need of importing areca to fulfil the local demand. There is sufficient stock in the godowns as well," he said. Mr. Hegde alleged that during the BJP government, areca growers had suffered humiliation on many occasions. "In the past, the government's representatives termed areca carcinogenic and another representative proposed to ban it. Time and again, the Centre has hit areca growers. We will strongly oppose this move," he said.

Local growers are worried that with the entry of areca from Bhutan, the price will go down in the local market. At present, the Rashi variety is sold at ₹49,000 per quintal. "The price will gradually come down once the arrival from Bhutan starts. This is enough for the merchants to bring down the price in local markets," said H.R. Basavarajappa, president of KRRS.

He is leading the protest to be held on Friday in Shivamogga. Areca merchants' association, Sahyadri Adike Sahakara Sangha and a couple of other growers' associations have extended their support to the protest.

Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah recently issued a statement criticising the move.

"The Centre's decision exhibits its arrogance. They have taken the decision at a time when areca growers have been demanding a total ban on the import of areca," he said. This move might allow large quantity imports in the near future, causing immense loss to native growers, he said.

Schneider Electric

INVITATION FOR THE Third ROUND OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR AVAILING WHITE LABELLING OF THE ELECTRICAL AND AUTOMATION PRODUCTS OF LARSEN & TOUBRO

Schneider Electric India Private Limited **("SEIPL")** invites the third round of Expression of Interest **("EOI")** from LV switchgear manufacturers in India for availing white labelling product manufacturing services from SEIPL, in compliance with the modifications provided in the order of the Competition Commission of India **("CCI"),** dated 18 April 2019 **("CCI Order"),** approving the acquisition of the electrical and automation **("E&A")** business of Larsen & Toubro **("L&T")** by SEIPL and MacRitchie Investments Pte. Ltd. The CCI Order is available at: **https://www.cci.gov.in/images/caseorders/en/1652509382.pdf**.

The white labelling product manufacturing services being offered by SEIPL is subject to the terms and conditions as set out in the CCI Order including the following:

1. The white labelling product manufacturing service is being offered by SEIPL only for the existing product range, owned and manufactured at L&T plants, of the five products of L&T (Air Circuit Breakers **("ACB"),** Moulded Case Circuit Breakers **("MCCB"),** Overload Relays, Contactors and Switch Disconnector Fuse **("SDF"),** collectively **"Five Products"**).
2. The white labelling services for the Five Products of L&T can be availed for the remaining period of the white labelling product manufacturing services offering ending as on **28 September 2026** for sale solely in the Indian market.
3. The pricing and allocation of quantity for the white labelling contract will be governed by the CCI Order and monitored by the Monitoring Agency - Moore Singhi Advisors LLP (mukeshgilda@singhico.com) appointed by the CCI.
4. At the end of the white labelling period as specified in the CCI Order, a single LV switchgear manufacturer shall have the option to enter into a non-transferable, non-sub licensable, non-exclusive technology license solely for manufacture and sale in India with SEIPL for all or any of the Five Products of L&T for which it has availed of white labelling, subject to the quantity / duration and other terms and conditions as set out in the CCI Order at a reasonable commercial royalty rate for a period of 5 years. Such technology license to the third party LV switchgear manufacturer shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the CCI Order.

Interested LV switchgear manufacturers are requested to respond to fully and finally to this third round of invitation for expression of interest by submitting their details at: **https://www.se.com/in/en/about-us/whitelabelling/whitelabelling-registration.jsp** by 14 December 2022 *i.e., 2 months from date of publication of this EOI.*

SEIPL will also conduct a pre-bid meeting on 8 November 2022, to provide clarifications in relation to this EOI. Interested parties to contact us whitelabel.support@se.com, for further details on the pre-bid meeting.

Specific product ranges available for white labelling will be shared with interested parties post registration at the link set out above.

For further details, please contact us at: ***whitelabel.support@se.com***.

Staying healthy by eating right

Health consciousness and awareness has skyrocketed in recent years. We all know about easy fixes for a flat belly and the WhatsApp forward that promises to help improve your back pain but sometimes it really is all about what we eat.

Health and fitness experts continue to advocate a combination of daily exercise and a well-balanced diet as the key to achieve one's fitness goals.

In the age of superfoods such as quinoa and kale, sometimes it really is about going back to the basics to get the nutrition we need.

Here, eggs continue to be often overlooked in what it can offer us in terms of protein and other vital vitamins and minerals for our body's daily functioning.

The body uses 21 different amino acids to build protein, nine of which it can not be produced on its own.

These essential amino acids are present in eggs and on consumption can help the body in performing its structural and functional tasks.

While the egg yolk consists of almost all the nutrients required for healthy human development, it's the white that gives us 6 grams of protein per large egg.

Eggs are rich in choline - a part of the B-complex vitamins, which is essential for the body as it is a component of cell membranes and facilitates various processes in the body.

In cases with low levels of choline, an increase in occurrence of liver diseases, neurological disorders and heart disease has been seen. Surprisingly, most people do not get enough choline and these low levels can severely affect the cognitive function in developing babies in pregnant women.

Despite eggs having high levels of cholesterol (212 mg to be exact), this dietary form of cholesterol is incredibly beneficial for our health.

It helps regulate and raise HDL ("good" cholesterol) and change the LDL ("bad" cholesterol) to help reduce the risk of heart disease due to higher levels of LDL.

Lutein and zeaxanthin are antioxidants that are known for providing powerful protective effects on our eyes.

These antioxidants, found in egg yolks, reduce the risk of macular degeneration and cataracts.

This is due to their tendency to accumulate in the retinas and thus protecting our eyes from harmful sunlight. Apparently, it is more necessary with the depleting ozone layer due to which harsher rays reach us.

Due to eggs being incredibly satiating, their consumption at breakfast prevents higher calorie intake in a day and helps in reducing body fat.

Due to the high levels of protein and fat present in a single large egg, they score incredibly high on the satiety index, a measure that determines foods contributing to satiety or the feeling of being well-fed and full.

On a full stomach after breakfast, the likelihood of mid-day snacking or cravings for foods high in sugar or fat reduces which helps in reducing weight.

Vitamins D, B, A, E and K as well as minerals such as folate, phosphorus, calcium and iron are all present in eggs in small amounts.

Eggs being one of the few dietary sources rich in Vitamin D, which otherwise can acquire through exposure to natural sunlight, their consumption benefit significantly in the regions with limited sunlight and is essential for the people living there.

In short, small amounts of all the important vitamins and minerals required for ideal functioning of a human body are present in eggs.

IMPORTANT YOLK FACTS

It is important to consume both the yolk as well as the whites as the yolks contain all the vitamins and minerals while the whites are purely protein.

The level of antioxidants present in the yolk is also dependent on the hen's diet.

Richer coloured yolks come from hens who eat more pigmented and nutritious foods that directly affect the levels of lutein and other antioxidants.

In fact these eggs also possess higher levels of omega-3 and contain less cholesterol.

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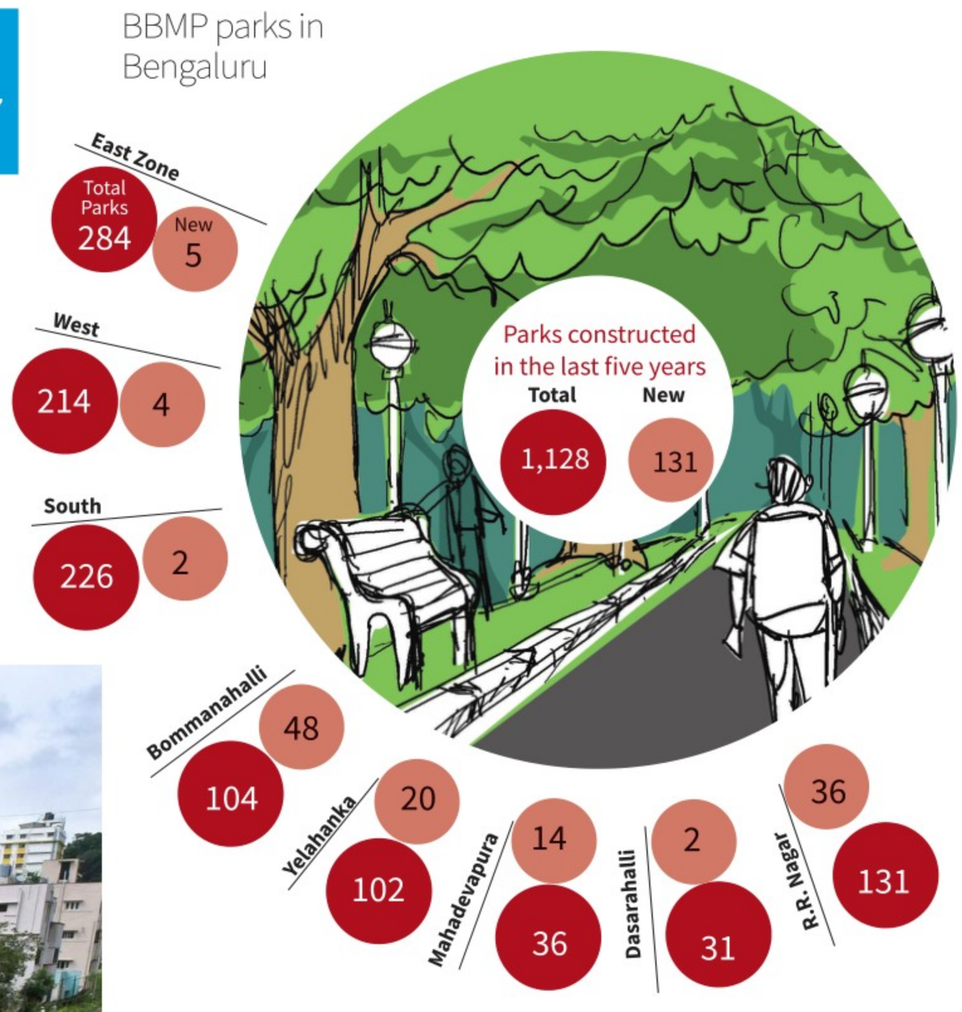
BBMP spent ₹153.27 crore to maintain parks in the last five years

Maintenance cost in last five years (in ₹crore)

East Zone	West	South	Bommanahalli	Yelahanka	Mahadevapura	Dasarahalli	R.R. Nagar
20.80	33.56	18.20	8.95	26.56	7.83	4.75	32.62

*Data by BBMP

TOTAL 153.27



Concretisation chokes city's green spaces

Citizens of garden city are battling to save several verdant areas from the onslaught of commercialisation that is disturbing the biodiversity and changing the microclimate of the region

A new BBMP park in Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru, where most of the space is taken up by concrete bricks. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Jahnavi T. R. and
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BENGALURU

Green spaces are typically described in urban architecture as spaces designated for trees, plants, grass and shrubs, or in other words, forests, parks and gardens. Bengaluru is known as the Garden City of the country, but citizens have been fighting constantly to protect these green spaces, like Cubbon Park and several lake parks, from concretisation.

Commercial activities

While the total area of Cubbon Park was around 260 acres in the 1950s, today, it is 197 acres and 31.5 guntas. Cubbon Park Walkers Association (CPWA) has alleged that the essence of the public park is being lost in the new construction coming up in its vicinity. They have also lodged a case against the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association claiming that their construction activity inside the park is illegal.

The Horticulture Department maintains that although some renovation work is taking place in some buildings, no extra space has been allocated for any new construction. Even so, according to the data provided by the officials, the built-up area of some major buildings, including Bal Bhavan and Public Library inside the park, amounts to 9,390.36 square metres or over 2 acres.

However, the CPWA argues that most of these buildings do not have legal survey numbers or proper documentation. Their main contention is that the spaces, which are leased out inside the park for various organisations, are misused and these spaces are more commercial today, moving away from being a public lung space.

"The tennis club, which originally was given for sports purposes, is now being used for eating, drinking, and other leisure activities. The Century Club was leased out as a place to rest and it is also being misused now in the name of membership. The YMCA has constructed a multi-storied building and a swimming pool, and it looks like a five-star hotel now. The nature of Cubbon Park is being ruined," alleged Umesh S., president of CPWA.

Ecosystem affected

Many citizens are also against the various tree parks and miniature Lalbaghs proposed to be created inside the existing lung spaces. Jarakabande Kaval in Yelahanka is one such example.

According to the local MLA, S.R. Vishwanath, an environmental awareness centre for children, a concrete compound, walking and cycling tracks, gazebos at sunrise and sunset viewing points and bird-watching points will be constructed in the proposed Atal Bihari Vajpayee park.

The volunteers of Save Jarakabande Forest are vehemently opposing the idea as they believe that these constructions will hamper the natural ecosystem of the forest area. When the government proposed to create a 400-acre tree park in Turahalli forest, a similar campaign under the name of Save Turahalli Forest was started by environmentalists.

"Is it not the responsibility of the Horticulture Department and the Forest Department to ensure the protection of these ecosystems? Why bring in construction inside every existing green space? We have enough of those in the city already. Leave the lung spaces as they are. These tracks and gazebos are not required there," said a volunteer who has worked for both these campaigns.

> Natural habitats of animals and plants around lakes should not be destroyed and the size of water bodies should not be shrunk to create parks and walking paths that are not necessary.
>
> **REKHA SWAMY,** resident of Puttenahalli

Lakes turned into parks

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike(BBMP), which maintains 1,128 parks across eight zones in the city, is planning to develop parks centred around lakes. Around almost every lake rejuvenated recently, the civic body has built a walking track on the tank bund, an open-air gym, and other amenities despite citizen groups opposing concretisation of lakes.

Rekha Swamy, a resident of Puttenahalli said the BBMP is putting up cement tiles near the lake to construct a park and a walking path. "Natural habitats of animals and plants around lakes should not be destroyed and the size of water bodies should not be shrunk to create parks and walking paths that are not necessary," she added.

Building parks or concrete walkways near a lake will disrupt water inlets, says lake activists. V. Ramprasad from 'Friends of Lakes, said, "Conversion of lakes into parks, playgrounds and commercial utility spaces is dangerous to the lakes which are already drying up naturally. This only adds to the disruption of water inlets into the lakes."

Need more trees

Another resident of Kundalahalli in east Bengaluru opposed commercial activities around lakes, like construction of parks, organisation of boating, fishing, etc. "We don't need these destructive activities. It's better the civic body conducts massive tree-planting drives, which will bring back birds in large numbers to the lake area," Arvind K.T., a resident from Kundalahalli said. He also suggested that in many places, instead of placing large concrete walkways on the bund, a gravel path could be paved to support plant life on the shore.

Ecologists feel that the concretisation will lead to activities that disturb the biodiversity of the area and lead to changes in the microclimate of the region. "We have enough concrete in the city. If you add concrete to the lung spaces, then it will be bad for the soil. We need to have as many non-concrete spaces as possible so that groundwater can be discharged. It is important for from the point of view of floods and groundwater levels. Fragmentation of green spaces is required as several species are sensitive to concrete. We only have a few of these lung spaces along with a few lakes, which needs to be preserved," said Harini Nagendra, ecologist.

The greenery over Cubbon Park in Bengaluru. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Transformation of city of gardens and parks

GUEST COLUMN

Leo F. Saldanha

Old residents of Bengaluru South will recall Krishna Rao Park as an unstructured space in which kids played cricket, badminton, football, frisbee, or simply ran about flying kites. A line of benches had elders sitting and chatting after their walks. The whole space essentially as a park was full of lovely old trees with mud paths crisscrossing, and some sections were cobbled.

Not very different was Cubbon Park or Bugle Rock garden, or for that matter Coles Park, the Jayanagar boulevard and so many of the other parks that found a pride of place in the metropolis. Such ways of gardening the city evolved out of a charming love for greening earth that Krumbiegal and Dr. Marigowda, who nurtured Lalbagh, revelled in. Their style of crafting and maintaining gardens was to maximise greenery in ways that there would be niches for solitude and gregariousness, while ensuring a sense of comfort, a feeling of belongingness that comes easily with use of vernacular materials and motifs.

These gardens were welcoming. Everyone from a busy official who used it for a fitness walk, students who whiled away happy times, hawkers who made a living selling snacks, a ragpicker or a tired coolie in need of a nap, all found these spaces inclusive. And in the evenings, they were flush with kids playing just about every game possible.

Redesigning of parks

When Bangalore Agenda Task Force, set up in 2000 by the then Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, took on the task of imagining the future of Bengaluru, largely in step with perceptions of fast globalising IT/BT community, the metropolis' gardens were a major site of their attention: to deliver successful projects of transformation. There was no checking with local people who used these parks in the process; it simply was a process of some landscape architects designing them, running it by a high profile 'high power' committee, and then proceeding to redesign the parks to fit that imagination.

In sync with these, the then almost a century old Krishna Rao park was transformed fundamentally: one part was padded with lawns (thus out of bounds to anyone anymore) and the other was where youth and kids would play - and that only after they protested the abrupt blocking of their games. Overall, the unregulated, unconstructured space, very comforting as it was, turned into a display of corporate-style landscaping. This phenomenon quickly spread across the city, and before you could say Cubbon Park, almost all parks were being redeveloped along similar lines.

After BATF collapsed, the ideas of urbanisms which it had piloted was orphaned for some years until ABIDE pushed by B.S. Yediyurappa as Chief Minister and then corporate honcho, now Union Minister, Rajeev Chandrashekar, took up the task of envisioning the metropolis' futures. Both processes were elite driven, and it was no wonder, therefore, that what followed was Tender Sure, a deeply corporatised and entirely undemocratic venture of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike advised by Janagraha, an NGO.

Sarakki lake in Bengaluru after its rejuvenation and the recent rains. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

The focus was to re-engineer roads and open spaces in the core city and CBD, and turn these pockets 'world class'. This became a template of sorts, especially with the evolution of 'Smart City' scheme promoted from Delhi by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and soon neighbourhood collectives in suburbs and periurban areas demanded that they too benefit from such 'development'.

Layers of concrete

As Governments changed over the past decade, so did the imaginaries of urbanisms. Next in line was Urban Development Minister K.J. George's 'white topping', which was euphemism for the most disruptive and dusty peeling off of well-settled tar roads and patting them with thick layers of concrete.

This concretising didn't stop with roads; like a cancer it spread across to pavements, as paved regions into parks, and even into urban forests like Turahalli where, thankfully, public resistance stopped it. But the phenomenon is so widespread now, that it shows up in satellite imageries, and when it rains, the city floods in no time as there is simply no open ground for water to percolate. And in summer 'heat islands' result, desiccating what little greenery is left.

The combination of such concretisation has now bumped up the ambient temperature of the 'air conditioned' city by several degrees, which in some areas is as high as 7-8 degrees Celsius. All this translates to an environmentally exacting metropolis which is simply not supportive of advancing public health.

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Forget-me-nots Postal art display by Namveedu; (inset) a postcard by Tawfik Manham; and (below) postcards by Padma Soman. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Signed. Sealed. Delivered

During National Postal Week (October 9-16), we look at how snail mail is back, now as an art form

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They say it is the thought that counts. If you have received a visit from your postman in recent times, consider yourself very lucky – you know someone who acted on that thought.

While a slew of activities marks National Postal Week, post offices are seeing a slow but steady rise in footfall and not because people are taking up letter-writing again. There has been a revival of interest in postcards in an age where ever-new acronyms are the lingua franca and two blue ticks are a measure of how long one can wait.

Pint-sized and pretty

Postcards have become an excellent canvas to showcase one's artistic capabilities. Artist Padma M Soman from Chennai would teach her students about artists and their methods. "MF Hussain used to carry postcards and crayons wherever he went. I got my students started on a similar project where they had to sketch on postcards. This slowly became a passion for me," says the artist who sketches on postcards (The Plain Paper Page).

For web designer Tawfik Abdullah Manham, postal art was the happy marriage between two of his favourite pastimes – letter writing and sketching. "My mom used to write letters to my dad who was abroad and ask us to pen a few lines too. I also enjoyed art work so my letters always had a few doodles. Postcards merged the joy of painting and the joy of sending letters."

Wanting to reach beyond his friends' circle, he started the Postcard Per Day Project on Instagram. "Anybody could drop requests and I would send them a postcard. A request, a surprise. That is how it's been for six years now."

Rise of the writers

Art and design bring an element of panache to letter writing. "Art has become an integral part of letter writing today. It is a reason to put pen to paper," says Harnehmat Kaur, co-founders and organiser of Daakroom, a Delhi-based annual letter writing carnival.

The emerging trend of post crossing (see box) has given the humble postcard exciting new avatars. "You can get postcards in 3D, rubber or wooden formats and the range of creatively designed postcards is incredible," she adds.

Needless to say all these initiatives stemmed from a need to recapture the lost charm of writing and receiving a letter. "Children today have no idea how thrilling it is to open a letter or how satisfying it is to get a reply from someone after weeks or months," says Bindu PV, curator of White Sanctum Art Gallery in Bengaluru. The gallery conducts a year-long International Mail Art Exhibition where artists from different parts of the world send their art on postcards.

Bindu began the initiative to get children interested in letter writing, stamp collecting and the procedures at a post office.

The cleverly-named Daakroom (*dak* means mail or post in Hindi) founded in 2016 works on this premise too. "School children struggle with the idea of communication because they've become so habituated to writing a formal letter. They need to be convinced that it is an actual means of communication," says Harnehmat, adding, "But once you do, they are excited by the entire process."

Age no bar

Adults too are slowly rediscovering the beauty of penning their thoughts and engaging with the tactile.

Earlier this year, Bengaluru-based Sandbox Collective concluded its See-Saw project where 11 artists sent each other their work via post. "Following the project, the artists confessed they visited their post offices for the first time, because we encouraged them not to use courier services or delivery apps. The idea was also to engage with the idea of handwritten and hand-crafted," says Karen D'Mello who conceptualised the project.

Harnehmat believes this is the right time to bridge the gap between the generation of letter writers and the youth of today. "Those who have lived through the age of snail mail should collaborate with youngsters or it will be lost to memory. We need to make it more fun, exciting and appealing."

Associated with the Madras Literary Society, Thirupurasundari Sevvel began a social initiative called Namveedu, Namoor, Namkadhai (Tamil for our home, our land, our story) with artists Aafreen, Devika P and Sristi Prabhakar. Stating that post cards are seeing a comeback after COVID-19, she says "We started a lot of postal art initiatives during lockdown. Now, there is a postal corner in the Madras Literary Society where visitors can decorate postcards with rubber stamps and mail them right away."

Be a letter-getter!

- **Post crossing:** Send and receive postcards from around the world — a cross between chain mails and pen pals. Log on to postcrossing.com
- **Mail Art:** Engage with artists around the world and send them your work via post. Find them on social media under mail art handles

Festive interlude

The weekend will be a melodious one with Iranian musicians and a choral group

Let the music play The performers for Avataran 22; (below) the troupe of Bangalore Chorus. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

October Octaves is back in Bengaluru with an amazing line up. Since its inception in 2015, the concert has always brought together musicians from different genres with an aim to bring musical awareness among the residents of the city.

Titled Avataran '22, this year's event will see Iranian musicians perform with their counterparts in India.

Asal Malekzadeh is a professional daf player, a percussion instrument, while Ali Seriri is a music composer and kamenceh player. The kamenceh is a stringed instrument. Other musicians who will be performing are Rajhesh Vaidhya, Abhijith PS Nair, Giridhar Udupa, Keith Peters, Jeoraj George, Sandeep Mohan, Mahesh Mani and Joe Johnson.

Avataran '22 will be held at Nimhans Convention Centre on October 15. Tickets available on bookmyshow

Bangalore Chorus

The Bangalore Chorus will be presenting their show, Big Bang Acoustic, over the next two weekends. Known for their eclectic song selection, Big Bang Acoustic will feature music from classic, rock and contemporary musical dramas as well as choreographed dance sequences and mini acts.

Directed by Maya Mascarenhas and Judith Roby Bidapa, the cast for this year's performance includes 90 children and 30 adults. Ever since it began in 2015, the Bangalore Chorus has raised funds for children's charities and this year proceeds will go towards aiding children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Big Bang Acoustic will perform at Bangalore International Centre on October 14-16 and October 28-30 (2 shows per day). Contact 9845081684 for donor passes

Weaving sunshine and stories

Chennai-based artist Narendra Babu talks about his upcoming solo exhibition, Surreal Dreams

Ruth Dhanaraj

"There is a seamlessness to the landscape that flashes past when you are in a train; sometimes green, sometimes brown, and the blue skies," says artist Narendra Babu. "I constantly capture whatever I see mentally and then relay that on to the canvas."

Snatches of 'From a Railway Carriage' come to mind, but Narendra's inspiration stems from childhood memories too. "My family left the city to settle in Anakaputhur when I was a boy. It was a village hamlet then, not the busy area it is now, close as it is to the Chennai Airport. I was fascinated by everything there – the trees, insects, birds, barnyard animals, the wide, open sky and my new friends. Life was both dream-like and spontaneous back then."

Rural vistas apart, Narendra says watching his father at work helped hone his idea of composition. "He was a handloom weaver and I would watch the rhythmic motion of the loom as he worked. My mother would help too by gathering the material. It helped shape my understanding of linear design and beauty. There's a warp and weft to our lives too."

Mother Nature beckons Artist Narendra Babu and one of his works. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Narendra got into textile design at the Weavers Service Centre with the Ministry of Textiles in Chennai. It was a job that took him to places such as Varanasi and Vijaywada. "I was always on the lookout for new designs and I found inspiration wherever I went – temple towns, traditional architecture, kalamkari art, colours, landscapes and, of course, the hills."

The timelessness of his childhood memories and the endless views from his travels find their way onto Narendra's work. Flowering plants and towering trees, animals and birds both imagined and real, share the canvas with people who seem to be part of a Technicolor dream sequence. While there is a sense of mythology coming alive through the eyes of a child, Narendra says some of his work also depicts modern, mechanical elements for a contemporary feel.

Surreal Dreams will be on at the MKF Museum of Art from October 14 to 29.

A Roman holiday

An Italian film festival has been organised in view of the opening of the Italian Consulate in Bengaluru

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After a successful international run, Italian Screens, a three-day film festival celebrating Italy's iconic movies opened to the Indian audience in Bengaluru this week.

Hosted by Ambassador Vincenzo de Luca, Roberto Stabile, Head of International specials projects at the Ministry of Culture/Cinecitta and Consul General Alfonso Tagliaferri, the festival saw its inaugural screening at Bangalore International Centre in Domlur on October 11, 2022. The event was attended by cinephiles as well as the Italian community in the city.

A life well lived A still from 'Ennio'. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The event kicked off with a private screening of *Ennio: The Maestro*, a 2021 documentary on the life and legacy of celebrated score composer Ennio Morricone. Directed by Guiseppe Tornatore of *Cinema Paradiso* fame, the documentary is a reverential tribute to the genius of Morricone, who composed more than 500 film and classical scores, won two Academy Awards and collaborated with the biggest directors from Sergio Leone to Quentin Tarantino between 1960 and 2016.

The festival, organised in view of the opening of the Italian Consulate in the city in 2023, is among the many events that will seek to deepen cultural ties between Italy and India, said Alfonso Tagliaferri, the Consul General of Italy in Bengaluru.

The six films that have been handpicked for the festival will be competing for in next year's David di Donatello Awards, the Italian equivalent of Academy Awards.

The festival will showcase six films across – Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata and New Delhi – with two shows a day. In Bengaluru, it will run till October 14 at PVR Phoenix Market City, Whitefield with shows at 6pm and 9pm.

StepOut

Beauty and violence

From October 14 to 18, Freeda Theatre, an inter-generational collective of women from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, will perform across the city. *Main Yahan Hoon: 8 Mahila, Ek Shareer* is a collective expression of bodies that have endured caste and sexual violence across generations. Performances at: Jangama Collective (October 14, 6:30pm), Our Theatre Studio (October 15, 7pm), CIEDS Collective (6:30pm), Mount Carmel College (3pm), and BIC (October 18, 4pm). Entry is free.

Cosplay workshop

Maruti Suzuki Arena Bengaluru Comic Con presents a cosplay workshop at Vapour, Indiranagar, on October 15, 2pm to 5pm.

This year, the workshop will be hosted by Nabil Khan, the winner of India's Championship of Cosplay 2016, with Rahul Karan Diwakar, who won three cosplay contests in the non-armor section at anime-based cosplay contests. Nabil started his cosplaying at the Bangalore Comic Con 2015, and Rahul who has been cosplaying since 2013, has been an active member of the Bangalore Anime Club.

The event is free and open to all – from first timers to seasoned pros.

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Split over hijab

SC verdict on the head-scarf case should not lead to denial of education rights

A two-judge Bench of the Supreme Court has been unable to resolve the conflict between a girl student's freedom to wear a head-scarf and the state's interest in keeping schools a place of equality and secularism. It is unfortunate that a clear verdict did not emerge from the elaborate arguments advanced before the Court for and against the Karnataka government's bar on the wearing of the hijab. The split verdict perhaps reflects the division in the wider society on issues concerning secularism and the minorities. Justice Hemant Gupta, rejecting the idea that hijab could be worn in addition to the uniform, has held that permitting one community to wear religious symbols to class will be the antithesis of secularism. Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, on the other hand, has ruled that asking to remove the head-scarf at an institution's gates is an invasion of their privacy and dignity. The issue is why a head-scarf that does not interfere with the uniform cannot be a matter of choice without being a target of hostile discrimination; and whether the hijab is going to be used to deny girl students their right to education. Justice Dhulia represents this viewpoint when he asserts that discipline should not be at the cost of freedom, when he wonders why a girl child wearing a hijab should be a public order problem and declares that 'reasonable accommodation' of this practice will be a sign of a mature society. He also empathises with the position of girl students who have to overcome greater odds than boys to get an education.

Justice Gupta, on the other hand, has foregrounded equality and discipline as the essential hallmarks of a secular institution in a diverse country, and rules that the Government violates no constitutional principle when enforcing a prescribed uniform. He goes to the extent of saying the constitutional goal of fraternity would be defeated if students are permitted to carry their apparent religious symbols with them to the classroom. The split verdict has given rise to the question of whether matters on which opinions could be sharply divided and have significant political implications should be placed before Division Benches of even number. In the prevailing political climate, the Karnataka government mandating either a prescribed uniform or any dress that was "in the interest of unity, equality and public order" was seen as majoritarian assertion in the garb of enforcing secular norms, equality and discipline in educational institutions. A verdict that legitimises this non-inclusive approach to education and a policy that may lead to denial of opportunity to Muslim women will not be in the country's interest. Reasonable accommodation should be the course as long as the hijab or any wear, religious or otherwise, does not detract from the uniform.

In preparation

Gujarat showed a mega event can be held without splurging on infrastructure

The successful conduct of the 36th National Games across six cities of Gujarat reiterated India's organisational skills. For a country aiming to host the Olympics, conducting the National Games with just three months' notice, spoke of its administrative speed. The State and Central governments, in tandem, produced a star-studded affair even though several top athletes pulled out due to fitness issues. The participation of Mirabai Chanu, Lovlina Borgohain, Achanta Sharath Kamal, Hima Das, Dutee Chand, Atanu Das and B. Sai Praneeth added value. There were some exceptional performances as 38 Games records tumbled in athletics and 36 in aquatics. Pole vaulters Rosy Meena Paulraj and Siva Subramaniam, 35km race walker Ram Baboo and weightlifters N. Ajith (men's 73kg) and Sambo Lapung (men's 96kg) were among those who set new national marks. Services continued its dominance as it topped the medals table with 61 gold, 35 silver and 32 bronze medals to claim the prestigious Raja Bhalendra Singh Cup for the fourth consecutive time. Maharashtra (39 gold, 38 silver and 63 bronze) was placed second and secured the top position among the States. Host Gujarat (13 gold, 15 silver and 21 bronze) recorded its best-ever performance to finish 12th. The Games spread awareness about various sports in a State primarily known for cricket. Guided tours for students to competition venues provided them once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to watch different disciplines and their icons.

Swimmers Sajan Prakash (eight medals) and 14-year-old Hashika Ramachandra (seven medals) were named the best male and female athletes. Sajan had claimed the same honour in his home State Kerala seven years ago. Some others – including 10-year-old Shauryajit Khaire, who became a mallakhamb star despite losing his father, and boxer Nikhil Dubey, who overcame the grief of his coach's tragic death in a road accident to be the middleweight champion – also hogged the limelight. The Games had its share of criticism due to logistical issues, most of which were addressed promptly. The glittering closing ceremony at Surat, attended by Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, was a reflection of India's potential to host the Olympics in the future. The Gujarat National Games showed how a mega event could be hosted with smart planning and without splurging on infrastructure. As the baton passes on to Goa for the 37th edition, it will be interesting to see how the tiny State replicates Gujarat's success next year.

The democratisation of India, the Mandal way

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In his book *The Age of Kali: Indian Travels and Encounters*, William Dalrymple wrote: "Ten years ago every second person at Delhi drinks parties seemed to be either an old schoolfriend of the Prime Minister or a member of his cabinet. Now, quite suddenly, no one in Delhi knows anyone in power. A major democratic revolution has taken place almost unnoticed, leaving the urban Anglicised élite on the margins of the Indian political landscape." And, in a meet with Mr. Dalrymple, the late Samajwadi Party leader Mulayam Singh remarked after his elevation to the national cabinet in 1996, "...for the first time, power had come to the underprivileged and the oppressed and we will use it to ensure that their lot is bettered...."

The socio-political movement that led to this phenomenon known as "Mandal" has dramatically changed the demographic diversity of people's representatives. It is no wonder then that scholar Christophe Jaffrelot called it, 'India's Silent Revolution'.

On social justice

The social justice discourse in modern India can be traced to the initiatives of social revolutionaries such as Jyotiba Phule, Savitribai Phule, Sahuji Maharaj and Periyar during colonial rule. But a sustained intervention with a concrete outcome in terms of policy prescriptions surfaced only with B.R. Ambedkar arriving on the national scene. The "depressed classes" (Dalits) and "tribals" (Adivasis) – as they were termed by the colonisers – were already listed as Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, respectively, by 1935. The benefits of reservation in education and employment for these social groups in proportion to their population were adopted as soon as the Constitution of India came into force. But a large section of the "backward classes" and occupational caste groups remained socially and educationally backward; hence, their presence in the bureaucracy, the judiciary, academia or the media remained abysmal.

> From a secular perspective, the socio-political movement resulted in 'India's Silent Revolution', identifying socially and educationally backward castes and communities by not letting religion become a barrier

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The post-Independence years witnessed Nehruvian socialism losing its sheen. The polity and governance remained in the grips of cherry-picked brahmanical minds. At this juncture, the Samyukta Socialist Party (SSP) sounded the clarion call, "*Sansopa ne bandhi gaanth, pichhda pawe sau me saath*" (SSP was committed for 60 per cent share for the backward classes"). The Constituent Assembly had debated caste-class dichotomy. It was envisioned that backward classes would be backward communities. This was endorsed by B.R. Ambedkar who said: "...a backward community is a community which is backward in the opinion of the government...." But the Mandal report reaffirmed this with the line "a caste can be and quite often is a social class in India".

Article 340 of the Constitution entailed egalitarian possibility that resulted in two Backward Classes commissions, the Kalelkar Commission (1953-1955) and the Mandal Commission (1978-80). The first did not yield anything. The mobilisation campaign for implementing the recommendations of the second led to a "Mandal movement". The announcement of implementing one of its recommendations, of 27% reservation for the Other Backward Classes (OBC) in the central services on August 7, 1990, was the "Mandal moment". Even while Mandal parties lost power at the Centre, the Mandal effect has continued. The 73rd and 74th Amendments have furthered the idea of social justice by extending reservation benefits to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBCs. Horizontal reservation was also extended to all women. In 2006, reservations were extended to OBC candidates in institutions of higher learning – popularly known as Mandal II.

On fraternity

The popular understanding of secularism in India has undergone a sea change. Much has been written about its failings. The real test of secularism and social democracy is hinged on mutual co-existence of communities. Thus, secularism needs to be situated within the perspective of "Fraternity" as enshrined in the 'Preamble' of the Constitution. This entails instilling confidence and camaraderie in the minority communities. Mandal parties checkmated communal mobilisations and hate mongering by the right wing. There were two spectacular political decisions in 1990 – the arrest of L.K. Advani by the Lalu Prasad -led government in Bihar at the height of the Ram Janmabhoomi movement. Second, the Mulayam Singh-led government in Uttar Pradesh ordering the police to fire at *kar sevaks* assembled in Ayodhya near the Babri Masjid.

Another point of merit derived from "Mandal" has been the identifying of socially and educationally backward castes and communities by not letting religion become a barrier. The consciousness generated by Mandal demolished a perception about Indian Muslims being a homogenous monolith. The churning around Mandal also led to the emergence of a *pasmanda* (backward in Persian) movement among backward Muslims demanding democratisation and representation. The Mandal report fairly recognised a large section of Muslims and Christians who converted from Hinduism, but with a majority of them continuing with their earlier caste-based occupations. Thus, Mandal situated backwardness at the intersectionality of caste and religion.

Blunders and course correction

Mandal(ite) political parties have made serious blunders too by restricting key organisational positions to family members and extending favours to caste brethren. However, there could be possible course correction such as being more accommodative towards the aspirations of the lower castes such as the economically backward classes or most backward classes; forging alliances with parties championing Dalit and Adivasi agendas; and pushing for quota within quota in the women's reservation Bill – which is still pending – with fresh insights, and also fielding more women candidates from the marginalised communities. Solidarity does work in politics. The role played by two Dalit icons, Kanshi Ram and Ram Vilas Paswan for mobilisation and implementation of Mandal has been immense. It is worth recalling how Kanshi Ram met with successive defeats in the Lok Sabha elections from Allahabad and East Delhi in 1988 and 1989, respectively. Mulayam Singh extended unconditional support to his candidature in 1991 and helped him win from Etawah, Uttar Pradesh. In turn, the Bahujan Samaj Party-Samajwadi Party alliance fixed the mighty Bharatiya Janata Party in the hotly-contested Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections of 1993. One of the popular slogans in that election still has high decibel and political value – "*Mile Mulayam-Kanshiram; Hawa me Ud Gaye Jai Shri-Ram* (When Mulayam and Kanshi Ram came together, the euphoria of 'Jai Shri-Ram' evaporated").

Falling reserves and the bogey of the RBI's role

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There is a widespread misconception that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been depleting India's foreign exchange (forex) reserves to defend the rupee.

The RBI cannot simply fritter away India's forex reserves, held mostly in dollars, by charging its "nostro" account with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York. The RBI is the custodian of India's forex reserves and is responsible for managing their investments economically. The central bank may not have been adventurous in switching currencies to boost the value of reserves. But to suggest that the RBI has depleted India's forex reserves from $642 billion to $537 billion, i.e., from September 8, 2021 to September 30, 2022, by intervening (selling dollars) in India's inter-bank forex market is manifestly erroneous.

Central bank as regulator, player and jury

The RBI's intervention and dollar/rupee exchange rate are surely linked, but the question is of depletion of forex reserves. To grasp this concept, we need to know who the market players are and how the RBI regulates them.

The market players are only banks licensed by the RBI, and the RBI. Individuals and corporates cannot enter the market. They can deal only with their respective banks. Therefore, the RBI dominates the market, being the regulator, a player and the jury. Thus, it is facile to argue that the dollar/rupee rate is "market determined" and that the RBI has no role in it. Section 40 of the RBI Act, 1934 ("Transactions in foreign exchange") stipulates that the Central Government orders the "rate" at which the RBI shall buy or sell forex to banks (authorised persons). This "rate", in turn, will be governed by India's "obligations to the International Monetary Fund [IMF]". The dollar/rupee rate has thus been subjugated to the United States from British India days. It is little wonder then that the rupee fell from ₹8/dollar to about ₹82/dollar (in 2022), from November 1981, when the IMF approved the biggest ever $5 billion Special Drawing Rights (about $6.25 billion dollars) loan to India. Although ₹100/dollar is *Door Ast* ('far away'), the target is achievable. Such is the hegemony of dollar holders to slam poor rupee holders to make them poorer still.

> The disinformation campaign that the Reserve Bank of India has depleted India's foreign exchange reserves must stop

The forex market is regulated by the RBI with impregnable exchange control regulations. All the player (banks) are required to be square or near square in their forex positions (spot or forward) at the close of business hours each day. This "overnight limit" is prescribed for each bank by the RBI. Even during the day, the prescribed "daylight limit" cannot be breached. The RBI enforces these limits strictly.

Assume that on a particular day the RBI sells (intervenes) one billion dollars in the market and one bank buys these dollars to remit them abroad for an importer (goods/services) customer. If that be so, then the funds would have gone abroad anyway since the importer, holding an import licence, can remit funds abroad as a matter of right. So, one billion of forex reserves depletion is caused not because of the RBI's intervention but because of the import licence granted by the Ministry of Commerce.

On speculation

The second possibility could be of the purchasing bank wishing to speculate. This possibility is impermissible since the RBI does not permit a bank to purchase dollars from the RBI and speculate in the interbank market. Selling these dollars in the overseas cross currency market is also prohibited by the central bank. So, unless there is demand from a bank's customers to remit dollars abroad, the RBI will just not be able to sell the dollars in the interbank market due its own regulations.

Sometimes the RBI intervenes (sells dollars) on the basis of a tacit understanding with another bank to calm dollar/rupee volatility. If such a bank buys $1 billion without any merchant base to effect remittances abroad, then that bank would try to sell these dollars to other banks which need to remit funds abroad for their own customers. Before the close of business hours, the bank has to offload excess dollars to the RBI to remain within the "overnight limit".

Therefore, the RBI's intervention cannot deplete forex reserves. Instead, the cause of forex reserves depletion is an unimaginative import/export policy of the Ministry of Commerce without keeping the RBI in the loop. If the diagnosis by the spin doctors is wrong, then the condition of the patient (i.e., the health of the economy) can only worsen.

The RBI needs this cell

India's twin deficits, trade and current accounts, are matters of concern. It is imperative that trade control regulations (flow of goods/services) and exchange control regulations (flow of funds in exactly an equal and opposite direction) are administered rigorously by enmeshing the two, preferably, by a separate cell within the RBI. "Control" may not be a popular word, but India remained unscathed after the Lehman Brothers crisis in 2008 only by deft handling of exchange control regulations by the RBI. The future is surely not dark, but uncertain.

The bogey of the "RBI depleting forex reserves to defend the rupee" has been let loose. The disinformation campaign continues. The rupee's free fall has been bleeding the economy with inflation, a flight of capital and escalating import costs.

Finally, policymakers deserve better inputs on the sensitive matters impacting India's economy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Queries not welcome

As someone who has filed numerous RTIs over the years with various departments, one can testify that the 'Data Point' report brings out the ground reality of a steady strangulation of the RTI Act. (Opinion page, October 13). There is an increasing trend to reply much after the 30-day deadline has passed. Then, many replies are diversionary and supply incomplete information — if the applications are not rejected at the outset. Apart from the fact of Information Commission appointments not taking place, another bottleneck is the hesitation in penalising departments and officials for delayed responses or not supplying information.

That the Union government and States do not welcome public scrutiny of their executive decisions, law-making processes and policies also sends a clear message to officials. Opacity is a natural result of and requirement for sustaining an authoritarian and undemocratic regime. All policy decisions in a democracy must be made, if not by the public directly, then, at least, in the public glare. Holding full-day monthly public hearings in all public offices can be a useful mechanism to fulfil the spirit of the Act.

Firoz Ahmad,
New Delhi

We may be 'blessed' with a very effective tool in our hands, but the conscious attempts being made to thwart the whole objective of transparency is unfortunate. The dereliction of the visual media which comfortably avoids strong reporting on issues of importance is equally unfortunate.

Madhusree Guha,
Kolkata

'Human sacrifice'

The incident of human sacrifice in Kerala has sent shockwaves. It is known that the Karnataka Legislative Assembly had enacted a law in 2017 — an anti-superstition bill — to prevent the common man from being exploited. Under its provision, vigilance officers from the police were designated to detect, prevent and report such crimes. If there is a loophole in laws in Kerala, new laws should be enacted to curb such evil practices. The incident will be forgotten but society has to be ready to fight against superstitious acts.

Kishor Kumar Rajavarma,
Thiruvananthapuram

Russia-Ukraine war

It appears to be a new phase of the Cold War. Russia's territorial gains are not very significant either. People of the world are scared by Vladimir Putin's threat of using nuclear weapons and Joe Biden's use of the word "Armageddon".

Kangayam R. Narasimhan,
Chennai

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Does India need a population policy?

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Earlier this year, the United Nations published data to show that India would surpass China as the world's most populous country by 2023. According to the 2018-19 Economic Survey, India's demographic dividend will peak around 2041, when the share of the working age population is expected to hit 59%. In this context, does India need a population policy? Poonam Muttreja and Sonalde Desai discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Sreeparna Chakrabarty**. Edited excerpts:

The world's population is expected to hit a peak and then drop by the end of the century. Is this good or bad?

Poonam Muttreja: We need to move from a family planning approach to a family welfare approach. We should be focusing on empowering men and women in being able to make informed choices about their fertility, health and well-being. As fertility drops and lifespans rise globally, the world is ageing at a significant pace. Can increasing automation counteract the negative effects of an ageing population or will an ageing population inevitably end up causing a slowdown in economic growth? We need to look at all of that. We are where we are, so let's plan for the well-being of our population instead of hiding behind the excuse that we don't have good schooling or health because there are too many people. That mindset is counterproductive.

Sonalde Desai: It is not about whether the population is large or small; it is about whether it is healthy, skilled and productive. Let me focus on the productive part of it. Thomas Malthus had said as the population grows, productivity will not be able to keep pace with this growth, and we will see famines, higher mortality, wars, etc. Luckily, he proved to be wrong. We need to take a lesson out of this and think about how to make our present population productive. Skills are important, but so is economic planning that ensures good jobs, agricultural productivity, etc.

You had mentioned China. The lesson we can take from China is that making sharp changes in public policy to manage the population ended up having unexpected consequences there. China's one-child policy led to a sharp reduction in the population growth rate. But now the Chinese have a rapidly rising population of the elderly. China also tried to relax these policies and is now encouraging people to have two or even three children but the men and women are not ready to comply. And China's fertility continues to decline. So, we should focus not on fertility rate, but on creating a situation in which slow changes in the family size take place in the context of a growing economy.

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Can increasing automation effectively counteract the negative economic effects of an ageing population?

SD: Automation makes a big difference to the productivity of individuals, sometimes to the detriment of employment. But in any case, it really is an important contribution of the modern world. However, it doesn't replace human nature and human touch. For example, I heard that Chinese families are now groaning under the burden of taking care of elderly parents. Automation doesn't help you take your mother to a doctor or provide the emotional warmth and security that family members provide to each other. So, in that sense, ageing is going to be an issue for us. We need to figure out how to address ageing in the context of changing families and the nature of state support in India and create conditions in which the elderly population can have a healthy and happy life.

Does India possess the institutional capability to tap into its huge youth population? Or will an ageing population turn out to be a liability in the absence of adequate institutional or state capacity?

PM: Let me first touch upon the elderly population and China. If China hadn't invested in literacy and good health systems, it would not have been able to lower its fertility rates. In any case, I think we have much to learn from China about what not to do. And especially in the case of the elderly, where the estimates show that 12% of India's total population by 2025 is going to be the elderly. Every fifth Indian by 2050 will be over the age of 65. So planning for this segment merits equal consideration.

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> SONALDE DESAI

Coming back to the young, we have the capacity to tap into the potential of our youth population. There is a brief window of opportunity, which is only there for the next few decades. We need to invest in adolescent well-being right away, if we want to reap the benefits. Otherwise, our demographic dividend could turn easily into a demographic disaster.

SD: India certainly has the capacity to invest in its youth population. But we don't recognise the gender dimension of some of these challenges. Fertility decline has tremendous gender implications. What it means is that women have lower burden on them. But it also has a flip side. Ageing is also a gender issue as two-thirds of the elderly are women, because women tend to live longer than men do. Unless we recognise the gender dimension , it will be very difficult for us to tap into these changes. So, what do we need to do? India has done a good job of ensuring educational opportunities to girls. Next, we need to improve employment opportunities for young women and increase the female employment rate. Elderly women need economic and social support networks.

India's total fertility rate has dropped below the replacement rate of 2.1 births per woman. What could be the economic implications of this declining fertility rate?

PM: As I said, the numbers are going to be only important if you see them in the right way. Economic policy should be geared towards the skilling and education of our large adolescent population with a special focus on gender, as Sonal said. As we look ahead, addressing the unmet needs of the young people should become a priority. We cannot allow the huge advances we have made in accelerating education, delaying child marriage, addressing sexual and reproductive health needs and building agency be wasted. Special attention must be given to addressing ways in which the pandemic may have affected the lives of our adolescent and youth. If the country does not address the rights and well-being of adolescents immediately, it will set us back by many years.

SD: I think it's not just the economic implications that we need to think about but also the implications of the political economy. India's fertility fell below 2.1 births for certain States 10 years ago. In four other States, it's just declining. So, not only is the fertility falling, the proportion of the population that will be living in various States is also changing. The future of India lies in the youth living in U.P., Bihar, M.P. If we don't support these States in ensuring that their young people are well educated, poised to enter the labour market and have sufficient skills, they will become an economic liability.

Do we need a population policy?

PM: India has a very good population policy, which was designed in 2000. And States also have their population policies. We just need to tweak these and add ageing to our population policy focus. But otherwise, the national population policy is the right policy. We keep talking about population as the biggest problem in India, but nobody talks about the poor investments in family planning or about investments in population more broadly.

SD: What we need is a policy that supports reproductive health for individuals. We also need to start focusing on other challenges that go along with enhancing reproductive health, which is not just the provision of family planning services. I also think we need to change our discourse around the population policy. Although we use the term population policy, population control still remains a part of our dialogue. We need to maybe call it a policy that enhances population as resources for India's development, and change the mindset to focus on ensuring that the population is a happy, healthy, productive. Perhaps it is time to think about getting rid of some of the archaic notions around population control, which continue to persist... you know, people with larger families not being allowed to participate in elections or get maternity leave, and so on.

PM: Our arguments and discussions have not gone beyond the two-child norm. The two-child norm indicates a coercive approach to primarily one community. And there are too many myths and misconceptions around population issues, which lead to this discourse, which takes away attention from doing all the things Sonal and I suggested through this conversation. We need to move away from the focus on the two-child norm.

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NOTEBOOK

In journalism, it is better to be late than to get it wrong

Verification is all the more important in the digital age where deep fakes and a disinformation culture thrive

Vijaita Singh

Sometime in February 2018, I received a tip off from an anonymous source that the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) had put a lid on a probe involving U.S. motorbike company Harley-Davidson for alleged evasion of import duty. The information was significant. I was told the probe had been formally closed a day before Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then U.S President Donald Trump spoke on the phone on February 8, 2018. What made the information more newsworthy was Mr. Trump's keen interest in the issue: he had complained several times in the past about the high tariffs imposed by India on Harley-Davidson motorcycles. The story had tell-tale signs of India acting under pressure from the U.S to close the probe. But mere assumption was not enough. Such information had to be checked, double checked and verified. In this case, the source was anonymous, so I had to exercise extra caution.

I made several attempts to contact the officials in the DRI, but to no avail. Officials either feigned ignorance or denied the information. I also had documents confirming that the probe had been closed. I wondered whether they were fabricated or photo shopped. Perhaps this was a case of corporate rivalry?

I decided to wait and dig more. After over a month, I finally met an official during a government function. I had an opportunity to speak to him, though I had little hope that he would answer my queries. He not only confirmed the story, but also provided the context for it.

I knew that if I waited for too long, the story would become stale or it might land with our competitors. Nevertheless, I had no option but to verify the story before it made it to print.

We reporters are often faced with a situation where the temptation is high to instantly publish information that we think is important or cannot wait. No reporter wants to miss a story. But the aim is to always present accurate information to the reader. If we are not sure, we cannot go

ahead with the story. Sometimes, though, the source is too important to ignore.

There have been several instances of packets landing at newspaper offices containing confidential documents. Old-school journalists always verify these documents before publishing the news.

Given technological advancements, documents that appear to be official sometimes land in our inboxes or on WhatsApp. These may compel us to take them at face value. Such documents should always be cross-checked as many people thrive on peddling disinformation. The 'fakes' are so sophisticated that they could almost pass off as real documents.

Though there are government accounts on social media to fact-check such claims, there have been instances where journalists have fallen for them. For instance, soon after the June 15, 2020 incident in Ladakh's Galwan Valley, where 20 Indian soldiers were killed in clashes with China's People's Liberation Army, editors on a television channel read out the names of Chinese soldiers who were allegedly killed in the clashes. To date, there is no confirmation about those names. Fact-checking websites such as *Alt News* debunked the claims then. The names aired by the channel were floating around on WhatsApp and had been seen by many others. Yet, the channel decided to run the story. While Indian authorities have unofficially claimed that scores of Chinese soldiers were killed in the Galwan incident, China has so far acknowledged the death of only four personnel.

Journalism should not be the casualty in our mad rush for breaking stories. As editors say, it is better to be late than to get it wrong.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

An age-old canvas for new art

A banyan tree by the side of National Highway 966 at Ponyakurissi near Perinthalmanna in Kerala's Malappuram district is fast becoming a selfie backdrop for local tourists. Artists Sreekrishnan Karuvarakundu and Pradeep Karyavattam painted a woman's face on the tree. This was an initiative by Dileep Kumar P., health inspector of Perinthalmanna Municipality, who is also turning the area into a garden. Trauma Care volunteers have taken it upon themselves to keep the area and its surroundings clean. MUSTAFAH K.K.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 14, 1972

Bid to put up China against India for world court seat

New Delhi, Oct. 13: A subtle attempt is being made by some interested Powers, according to diplomatic reports from the United Nations, to undermine India's chances of election to the World Court Bench by pressing for an extension of the already expired time-limit for nominations to accommodate China in the name of providing balanced representation. The Indian nominee, Dr. Nagendra Singh, stands an excellent chance of getting elected in the normal course to the Asian seat falling vacant with the retirement of the Pakistan representative, Sri Zafrullah Khan. The 81-year-old Sir Zafrullah Khan, who has been on the World Court Bench for the last 16 years since the death of Sir B.N. Rau, wanted to stand again for a fresh 9-year term. Though Pakistan canvassed hard for his candidature, the Big Powers found it rather embarrassing to set up an all-time world record of one Judge serving on the Bench for 25 years and reaching the age of 90 before his final retirement. So Pakistan was obliged to drop at the last moment the idea of putting up Sir Zafrullah Khan again for re-election. But since then it has been canvassing behind the scenes, with the encouragement of some other Powers, for bringing in China to fill the vacant Asian seat.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 14, 1922

Jail outbreak enquiry

Calcutta, Oct. 13: The magisterial inquiry into the outbreak at the Presidency jail on October 1st has been concluded, 45 witnesses having been examined. The last witness was Dr. J.S. Wilson, Deputy Commissioner of Police, who said that on the morning of the disturbance, he went to the jail having received information that assistance was needed. When he arrived, no convicts were to be seen, but a few shots were being fired from the verandah over the main gate and he gave orders for fire to be discontinued as it appeared quite unnecessary. He then noticed flames arising from the jute mill and sent police to extinguish the fire. Immediately afterwards two or three more shots were fired from the roof of the Deputy Superintendent's office and he climbed up the ladder to the roof and put a stop to it. When he descended, however, firing recommenced.

From Page One

SC delivers split verdict on Karnataka hijab ban

Justice Gupta, in his opinion, said students need to follow the discipline of wearing the school uniform without any "addition, subtraction or modification". A student cannot claim the right to wear a headscarf to a secular school as a matter of right. "A girl's right to express herself by wearing a hijab stopped at the school gate".

But Justice Dhulia countered that school was a public place. It was not correct to draw a parallel between a school and a jail or a military camp.

"It is necessary to have discipline in schools. But discipline not at the cost of freedom or dignity... She carries her dignity and privacy in her person, even inside her school gate or classroom," Justice Dhulia observed.

He said the fallout of the hijab ban had been that some girl students were not able to appear for their Board exams and others were forced to seek transfer, most likely to *madrasas*, where they may not get the same standard of education.

"This is for a girl child, for whom it was never easy, in the first place, to reach her school gate," Justice Dhulia underscored.

Justice Gupta, agreed with the government that the "ethic of fraternity is best served by complete erasure of all differences", especially religious. Wearing hijabs in secular schools "would stand out and overtly appear differently.

But Justice Dhulia disagreed with the idea of forced homogeneity. He said schools and pre-university colleges were the "perfect institutions" for children to learn the rich diversity of India and imbibe values of tolerance and accommodation.

ISRO's Next-Gen LV may assume PSLV's role

On PSLV's future, Mr. Somanath said it will be operated as long as there is a commercial demand for it.

"The technologies, the manufacturing and cost associated with the systems, all go through changes. Same is the case with the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV). But GSLV Mk-III (LVM3) is just a few years old. If you look at launch vehicles, technology induction at the appropriate time is essential," he said.

Mr. Somanath said it is also important to develop a "business model" for NGLV so that it serves its aims. This will include launching commercial satellites and national missions as well as ensuring industry participation from the start. "With the backing of ISRO's knowledge, it is possible for industries to support and create this rocket as a national asset," he said.

India abstains on UNGA resolution against Russia

The 193-member general assembly voted on Wednesday to condemn Russia's "illegal referendums in regions within the internationally recognised borders of Ukraine and the attempted illegal annexation of the Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia regions of Ukraine".

The resolution 'Territorial integrity of Ukraine: defending the principles of the Charter of the United Nations' was adopted with 143 nations voting in favour, Russia, Belarus, North Korea, Syria, and Nicaragua voting against, and 35, including India, abstaining.

In the explanation of the vote, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj said India urged that all efforts be made for an immediate cessation of hostilities and an urgent return to the path of dialogue and diplomacy.

Divided opinion

The controversy over the wearing of hijab in educational institutions began early this year in Karnataka and continues to be in the news as the case is heard by the Supreme Court, which has now referred it to a larger Bench

February 3: Aishat Shifa and Tehrina Begum, students of Government Pre-University College in Kundapura, were denied entry into their college for refusing to take off their hijabs

February 4: They made a representation before the Deputy Commissioner Udupi to direct the college authorities to let them enter their college and complete their studies

February 5: The government issues an order referring to the Karnataka Education Act, 1983 to conclude that prohibiting hijab does not amount to a violation of freedom of religion. The two students move the High Court

February 8: Clashes break out among students from two communities in Udupi. Karnataka Chief Minister orders closure of high schools and colleges

February 10: HC passes interim order saying colleges in the State can reopen, but students cannot be allowed to wear any piece of clothing that is religious till the matter is pending

March 15: Karnataka HC rules hijab not part of essential Islamic religious practice, upholds the government order

July 13: SC agrees to hear appeals against the Karnataka HC verdict

September 22: Supreme Court reserves verdict

October 13: SC delivers a split verdict, refers the case to the CJI to be placed before a larger Bench

'Hijab ban will continue in Karnataka schools, colleges'

Welcoming the order, State Minister said for now there is no provision for religious practices inside classrooms and students must abide by rules; petitioners remain hopeful of victory in court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MANGALURU

Following a split verdict in the Supreme Court on the issue of hijab in classrooms, Karnataka's Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh said the ban on headscarf in government schools and pre-university colleges will continue for now, as the apex court had not stayed the Karnataka High Court order that had earlier upheld the State government's decision.

Meanwhile, the girl students whose demand that they be allowed to wear hijab inside classrooms at a college in Udupi sparked the row and are petitioners before the court, are hopeful that they will win the legal fight eventually.

Speaking in Bengaluru, Mr. Nagesh said they had hoped that the apex court would rule unanimously in their favour, but he welcomed the order. "Women have been raising their voice against hijab across the globe and I hope that the student community here too will. For now, under Karnataka Education Act, 1983, there is no provision for religious practices inside classrooms and the students should abide by the rules," he said.

Voicing dissent: Women protesting against the hijab ban in Bengaluru on February 26. K. MURALI KUMAR

Following the row, the State government had authorised the College Development Committees to impose a ban on hijab and the girl students had challenged this order in the Karnataka High Court, which dismissed their pleas on March 15.

Speaking on behalf of student-petitioners from Udupi, Hussain Kodibengre, District President of Association for Protection of Civil Rights, said the split verdict by the Bench has "given optimism of a positive order" from a larger Bench.

Can't go only by views of Constitution makers: judge

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Justice Hemant Gupta, the lead judge on the Bench which gave a divided opinion in the Karnataka hijab ban on Thursday, said it is "not advisable" to solely bank on the individual views of the Constituent Assembly members who crafted the Constitution.

He said the Constituent Assembly debates do "show the in-depth knowledge of members at that point of time, but over 70 years later, with the interpretation of various provisions by courts, it is not advisable to rely solely upon views of the individual members in such debates".

Individual's belief matters in religious issues, agree judges

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Though the Supreme Court on Thursday delivered a split verdict on students' right to wear hijab in school, both judges on the Bench seemed to agree that believers or worshippers are the best persons to interpret whether a practice is essential to their religion or not.

In his opinion, Justice Hemant Gupta said the "practice of wearing hijab may be a 'religious practice' or an 'essential religious practice' or it may be social conduct for the women of Islamic faith. The interpretations by the believers of the faith about wearing of headscarf is the belief or faith of an individual".

But the judge was categorical that such a "religious belief" cannot be carried to a "secular school" maintained out of government funds and the State of Karnataka was right in issuing its February 5 government order restricting the wearing of hijabs at schools.

Justice Dhulia, in his divergent opinion, said the issue whether wearing hijab was an essential religious practice in Islam was wholly irrelevant in the case. He said the court, as a secular institution, should steer clear from choosing one among many possible interpretations of theological doctrine.

"We have before us two children, two girl students, asserting their identity by wearing hijab, and claim protection under Article 19 (right to expression) and Article 25 (freedom of religion) of the Constitution. Whether wearing hijab is an ERP in Islam or not is not essential for the determination of this dispute. If the belief is sincere, and it harms no one else, there can be no justifiable reasons for banning hijab in a classroom," he observed.

Read our analysis
Hijab case and essential practices doctrine
bit.ly/3CxJNKP

Giving special status to J&K was an error, Modi rectified it: Amit Shah

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "resolving the mess" created by the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in Jammu and Kashmir. He said Article 370 granting special status to Jammu and Kashmir was a "grave error" and Mr. Modi rectified it in 2019

Mr. Shah was launching the Gujarat BJP's *Gaurav Yatra* from three routes in Ahmedabad district and from Navsari in south Gujarat.

"Due to the mistake of Jawaharlal Nehru, who inserted Article 370, Kashmir was in a mess. it could not be properly integrated with the rest of the country. Everybody wanted the removal of Article 370. Prime Minister Narendra Modi removed it in one stroke and completed integration of Kashmir with the country in 2019," he told the gathering of mostly BJP workers. The ruling party has launched *Gaurav Yatra* from five routes to cover 144 Assembly seats across the State. Two *Yatra* routes were inaugurated by BJP President J.P. Nadda on Wednesday while the Union Home Minister launched the three routes on Thursday.

Amit Shah

Similar comments

Mr. Shah's remarks on the country's first Prime Minister regarding Jammu and Kashmir came barely a few days after the similar view was expressed by Mr. Modi while campaigning in Gujarat. He had blamed Pandit Nehru for the "mess" in Jammu and Kashmir and contended that he had to correct the first Prime Minister's blunder.

Mr. Shah slammed the Congress and held that its appeasement politics had led to communal riots in Gujarat in the 1980s and 1990s. "Gujarat has not seen curfew after 2001 when Modi *saheb* became the CM," he said.

Mr. Shah also talked about the surgical strikes conducted by the Army in 2016 and air strikes in Pakistan in 2019 and lauded Mr. Modi's tough stand on terrorism .

INBRIEF

Previous govts. didn't provide amenities in Himachal: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday blamed previous governments in Himachal Pradesh and at the Centre for not paying attention to the State and for failing to provide amenities which were available to people elsewhere . He was addressing a gathering after he flagged off the inaugural run of the new Vande Bharat Express from Una railway station.

ED files chargesheet against journalist Rana Ayyub

The Enforcement Directorate has filed a chargesheet against journalist Rana Ayyub in connection with a case alleging that she illegally acquired funds in the name of charity. The Ghaziabad Police had registered the case in September 2021 with respect to the money raised through fundraiser campaigns via an online crowd funding platform, Ketto.

Centre plans pre-Deepavali drive on waste segregation

Ahead of Deepavali, the government will roll out an awareness campaign, particularly in schools, on the importance of at-source segregation of waste, from October 17 to October 22, according to officials. Apart from the campaign in schools, door-to-door messaging on segregation of waste will be carried out across cities.

'Not possible to mobilise Congress without Gandhis'

The senior leader says that without the party, there cannot be strong Opposition politics in the country as every other party has a regional identity, and emphasises that people who have got faith in their ideology will not leave the Congress; promises to implement the Udaipur Declaration

INTERVIEW

Mallikarjun Kharge

Sandeep Phukan

Congress veteran **Mallikarjun Kharge** speaks to The Hindu about the upcoming party presidential elections and his vision for the party. Edited excerpts:

Defying your critics, you are busy in hectic campaigning for the Congress president's post, covering at least two to three States daily. So, what's your vision for the party?

One should know that the *Chintan Shivir* adopted the Udaipur Declaration that was prepared after deliberations among hundreds of people. And this document, prepared in the month of May, wants to bring change and everything is included there. Whether it is about giving representation to youth, women and representation to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes (OBCs), minorities, everything is laid out. First, it is my duty to implement them, one by one. After the new committees are formed, we will take up any new idea that comes to reform and make corrections. Our economy is being destroyed, they [the BJP] are misusing autonomous bodies, changing the syllabus in educational institutions and so on. We have to tell our peopleall these things and train them.

We have seen a lot of leaders, young and old, leaving the party because of lack of faith in the leadership. What would you do to inspire confidence in your leadership if you get elected?

People who have got faith in the Congress ideology will definitely stay here only. How can a person who believes in secularism, social justice, Constitution prepared by Dr. [B. R.] Ambedkar for the weaker sections go to the BJP. Your party may be in power or out of power, committed people will not leave.

You are seen as the 'establishment' candidate because of your proximity to the Gandhi family and there have been suggestions that you may not be able to take independent decisions and may be remote-controlled.

(Smiles). These perceptions are being created because I am loyal to the ideology of the party and I can't leave the party and these leaders whose family members have sacrificed their lives for the sake of country's unity. Is it the intention of the people that whoever becomes the Congress president should revolt against the Gandhi family? Haven't people suddenly got tickets without doing any grass-root level work? Who made them? It's the Congress leadership. So, saying such things [of being remote-controlled] is hypocrisy.

What would be the role of the Gandhi family after the elections?

For over 20 years Madam Sonia Gandhi worked as the party president and worked on welfare schemes. Are the Gandhis away from the Congress? They are with us and I am with them. I can say one thing: without the Gandhis, it is impossible to mobilise our party and create strength. It is the truth.

In the past, Congress was a rallying point for non-BJP Opposition, but that's no longer true and there are many contenders for the prime ministerial post. Who will be the Congress' PM face for 2024?

Who will be the Prime Minister candidate will come after the Parliament elections and whomsoever the MPs elect will be our candidate. But one thing I can say, without the Congress, there can't be a strong Opposition politics as every other party has a regional identity.

Read full interview at:
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APPEAL

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At Kazakhstan meeting, India terms Pakistan epicentre of terrorism

Minister of State for External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi reacts to Pak. PM Sharif's statement on the Kashmir issue, saying his country should set its house in order before giving lectures to others

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

India desires "normal" relations with Pakistan, but it must take "credible, verifiable and irreversible actions" to end cross-border terrorism, said Minister of State for External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi, slamming India's neighbour for supporting terror groups and for attacks on minorities, in response to a speech made by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, at a conference in Kazakhstan.

Speaking at the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) held in Astana, Ms. Lekhi also announced that India would host a number of high-profile conferences on countering terror this year, indicating that the government intends to keep its focus on stopping terror financing from Pakistan, even as the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is due to meet next week on October 18-21 to discuss taking Pakistan off its "greylist".

"Pakistan is the global epicentre of terrorism and continues to be the source of terrorist activities. Pakistan continues to make no investment in human development but provides their resources for creating and sustaining infrastructure of terrorism," said Ms. Lekhi, taking exception to Mr. Sharif's speech.

Paying tribute: Meenakshi Lekhi unveiling the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Kazakhstan on Thursday. TWITTER/@M_LEKHI

Mr. Sharif had in his speech said India had "trampled the will of the people of Jammu and Kashmir". "India today is a threat towards minorities, to its neighbours, and to this region," Mr. Sharif continued. He said Pakistan still hoped for peace with India, adding "however, until India brings its atrocities in Kashmir to a grinding halt, a just and lasting peace will remain elusive."

In her intervention, Ms. Lekhi slammed Pakistan for raising Jammu and Kashmir and referred to Pakistan's human rights violations in Pakistan-Occupied Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh (PoJKL).

"With its own record of the dismal treatment of minority communities, Pakistan would be well advised to set its house in order instead of lecturing the world community," she added, referring to reports on attacks on places of worship, forced conversions and the abduction of women from minority communities in Pakistan.

India, that is a founder of the 27-nation CICA peace and confidence-building grouping of Asian countries, became its coordinator for counter-terrorism this year, and Ms. Lekhi said India would soon host a workshop with members.

Third conference

Next month, New Delhi will also host the third "No Money for Terrorism" Ministerial conference with more than 100 countries expected to attend. The two-day conference on November 18-19 would be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, and would include sessions on terror financing in South Asia, new cyber financing trends and global cooperation mechanisms.

On October 28-29, India will also host a special meeting of the UNSC Counter-Terrorism Committee, ambassadors and representatives of all countries in the Security Council, including the P-5 members the U.S., Russia, China, the U.K. and France. The group will travel to Mumbai and lay wreaths at a memorial for victims of the Mumbai 26/11 terror attacks, and also hold meetings in Delhi, officials told *The Hindu*.

EAM conveys condolences over deaths in Gambia

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar expressed "deepest condolences" on Thursday to his counterpart in The Gambia in west Africa where deaths of dozens of children were linked to cough syrups produced by an Indian company.

"In a telecon with Gambian FM Dr Mamadou Tangara, conveyed our deepest condolences on the deaths of young children recently. Underlined that matter is being seriously investigated by appropriate authorities," he said in a social media post following the conversation.

Authorities here have ordered Maiden Pharmaceuticals to stop production of the syrups that have been linked to the deaths of at least 69 children in The Gambia.

'Ambedkar would've disapproved family inheritance in politics'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The father of the Indian Constitution B.R. Amebdkar would have "disapproved" and have been "critical" of political leadership being passed down through inheritance, Shashi Tharoor said on Thursday. He was answering a question at the launch of his 24th book *Ambedkar - A Life*.

When asked about Ambedkar's views on state parties concentrating power in the hands of respective families, he said that Ambedkar had not anticipated it, but as person who was never very convinced of the logic of caste system, he would not have accepted the inheritance principle anyway in politics or otherwise.

"Though he has not written about it, that it is a fairly safe assumption that he would have disapproved and would have been quite critical of the idea that political leadership should go through inheritance rather than election or other form of merit," Mr. Tharoor said.

Level playing field disturbed, says Tharoor

NEW DELHI
Congress presidential candidate Shashi Tharoor on Thursday lamented that some leaders had openly come out in support of Mallikarjun Kharge and it disturbed the level playing field. The MP also said leaders were not available for a meeting with him, but they warmed to Mr. Kharge when he visited them for support. He said he wanted to bring change in the party. PTI

Tharoor to chair House panel on chemicals

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor has been appointed as chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers, according to a notification issued by the Lok Sabha Secretariat. His appointment as chairperson of the parliamentary panel came after the Congress leadership suggested his name.

Mr. Tharoor, who was earlier chairing the parliamentary panel on Information Technology, was also replaced as the member of the committee. In the latest rejig, Congress was not allotted the panel on IT.

Explained
Why are Parliamentary panels needed?
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EC drops order to enrol outsiders in J&K

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The Jammu election officer on Thursday withdrew an order directing tehsildars to enrol outsiders living in Jammu district for over a year as voters in the ongoing exercise of revision of electoral rolls in the Union Territory (UT) ahead of the Assembly polls. A senior official from the Jammu administration told *The Hindu* that the order issued two days ago "stands withdrawn". However, the details of the fresh order was not made public till late Thursday evening.

Avny Lavasa, District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, had authorised tehsildars to issue certificate of residence to those residing in Jammu for more than a year "to facilitate their entry in the ongoing special summary revision of electoral rolls".

"For categories like homeless Indian citizens, who are otherwise eligible to become electors but do not possess any documentary proof of ordinary residence, electoral registration officers shall designate an officer for field verification," the order read.

The submission of the final electoral roll in J&K has been fixed from October 31 to November 25. This will prepare the ground for the Assembly elections in the UT of J&K, which was split into two UTs on August 5, 2019, and its special constitutional position struck down. J&K has been under governor's rule since 2018 and saw the last Assembly elections in 2014.

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Notice Inviting Request for Proposal
Sealed Proposal are invited for **"Selection of an Agency for Providing Technical Manpower Services to Planning Section of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Bhubaneswar"** in conformity with the Terms & Conditions of the Detailed RFP from intending bidders fulfilling the terms of eligibility laid down in the RFP document. Please refer to website **www.bmc.gov.in** for complete details and downloading the Document. The RFP document will be available from **13.10.2022** with last date of submission being **31.10.2022 till 5:00 PM.**
The Pre-bid Meeting is scheduled to be held on **20.10.2022 at 4.00 PM** in the Mini Conference Hall of BMC. The intending bidders are advised to mail their written queries on email id **bmcpmu@bmc.gov.in** by **19.10.2022**.
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Online tenders are invited for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of New 11 KV Lines, LT Line on AB cable, Distribution Transformer Substation and Supporting works such as DPs, TPs, Crossing etc. For separation of 11 KV Mix Feeders & Mix DTRs under Revamped Reforms-based and Results-linked Distribution Sector in Shahdol, Anuppur and Umaria circle of MPPKVVCL, Jabalpur Company Area (Package-04) as per tender specifications.

Sr. No.	TS No. (For E-Tendering) Discom-EZ/RDSS	NAME OF WORK	Tender Value (In Rs.) (Including GST)	TENDER FEE (in Rs)	EMD (in Rs)	Key Dates
1.	**TS No.- EZ/CGM /RDSS/FS/TS/ PKG-04 E-Tender No.- E-TS-2022_ PKVVC_225573**	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of New 11 KV Lines, LT Line on AB cable, Distribution Transformer Substation and Supporting works such as DPs, TPs, Crossing etc. For separation of 11 KV Mix Feeders & Mix DTRs under Revamped Reforms-based and Results-linked Distribution Sector in Shahdol, Anuppur and Umaria circle of MPPKVVCL, Jabalpur Company Area (Package-04)	**92,87,65,083**	**25,000/- + 4500/- (GST)**	**1,85,75,302**	Due date for Submission 03.11.2022 (Till 1500Hrs) Date of Opening 04.11.2022 (at 1530 Hrs)

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Ref No. UIT/Bika/EE/12860 Date :- 11/10/2022
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
UIT Bikaner invites Expression of interest (EOI) from eligible entities for "Development & Beautification work with Operation & Maintenance (For 5 year) at Public park area from Selfie Point to Tulsi Circle Side Gate"
The Developer shall be free to implement their own concepts and designs taking in to Consideration all the employers norms and Regulation. Sh. Rajiv Gupta Executive Engineer, Bikaner can be contacted (Mo. No. 9413311610) for site visit with prior intimation.
Interested parties may download Expression of Interest (EOI) document from **www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** and **urban.rajasthan.gov.in/uitbikaner** from 11/10/2022. Please furnish Demand Draft/Pay Order for Rs. 1,000/- (Rs. One Thousand Only) towards "EOI Processing Fee" and for Rs. 5,000/- (Rs. Five Thousand only) as "Earnest Money" for the project in favour of **"Secretary, Urban Improvement Trust, Bikaner"**, along with EOI Document to be deposited before 5:00 PM on or before 18.10.2022 in sealed envelope containing hard copy of EOI. For any clarifications, applicants may seek through mail **uitbikaner@yahoo.co.in**.
The submitted document will be evaluated and firms found eligible will be invited to make a presentation on their capabilities. The eligible firms will be short listed for further tender process. **UBN No. :- ITB2223WSOB00183**
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E-Procurement Notice
**GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ROADS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (HPSRTP)**
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)
National Open Competitive Procurement

Name of the project: Construction of Flyovers at Chakkar Bypass (from Shimla side towards Totu), MLA Crossing (Boileauganj) (Shimla side to Bilaspur / Mandi road), Vidhan Sabha chowk (from Cart Road to Vidhan Sabha) and widening of road with Retaining wall at Victory Tunnel under SSCM.

Date: 13-10-2022

The Director (Projects) cum-Chief Engineer, State Roads Project, Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh, India on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites online bids (separate) for the construction of the works detailed in the table:-

Name of Work	Bid Security * (Rs.)	Cost of Document (Rs.) plus GST	Period of Completion	Estimated Cost (INR)	Date of availability of Documents	Last date & Time for submission of Bids
Construction of Flyovers at Chakkar Bypass (from Shimla side towards Totu), MLA Crossing (Boileauganj) (Shimla side to Bilaspur / Mandi road), Vidhan Sabha chowk (from Cart Road to Vidhan Sabha) and widening of road with Retaining wall at Victory Tunnel under SSCM.	Bid Security INR 91.73 lakhs	Rs. 5,000	24 months	36.69 Cr.	October 14, 2022	October 21, 2022

The detailed Request for Bids (RFB) Notice, Bidding Document alongwith other necessary information will be available on **https://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html** & **https://hptenders.gov.in/** link.

Note:- Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this Request for Bids (RFB) Notice shall be available to all interested bidders on official web site of HPRIDC under https://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html & https://hptenders.gov.in/ link.

**Director (Projects)-cum-CE,
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INBRIEF

Maiden train connecting Tripura, Manipur flagged off

President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday flagged off two passenger trains, one of them connecting Tripura and Manipur for the first time. While the Jan Shatabdi Express will operate between Tripura capital Agartala and Khongsang in Manipur, the other train is a special express linking Agartala and Kolkata via Guwahati. The President, accompanied by Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha, flagged off the two passenger trains of Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) at Agartala railway station. The President is also scheduled to inaugurate the first train between Nagaland and Meghalaya on Friday. This train is an extension of the Guwahati-Lumding-Guwahati Express.

Disrespecting Gandhi at Puja Pandal shameful: Mamata

Nearly 10 days after a lookalike of Mahatma Gandhi was depicted as an *asur* (demon) at a Durga Puja pandal in Kolkata triggering an outrage, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday described the act as shameful. "All of us respect Gandhiji. People will give a befitting reply to those who tried to insult the father of the nation," she said, while addressing Trinamool Congress workers at a 'Bijoya Sammelani' event here. The controversial depiction was done at a pandal organised by the West Bengal unit of Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha. The Kolkata Police later took a potter to the pandal and changed the look of the *asur*.

Law Ministers' conference in Gujarat from today

A conference of Law Ministers and Law Secretaries from across the country is being organised in Gujarat from October 14 to 17 by the Union Law Ministry. Law Minister Kiren Rijiju will deliver the keynote address on Saturday at the inaugural session. "This initiative by the ministry will provide a forum for discussion on a variety of topics relating to India's legal system so that policymakers may develop a roadmap for the country's future,"a statement from the Law Ministry said.

Mob attacks Muslims offering namaz in Gurugram mosque

An armed mob allegedly attacked a group of Muslims offering namaz inside a mosque in Bhora Kalan village in Gurugram late on Wednesday night and injured them. A First Information Report has been registered in this connection, but no arrests have been made so far. According to a resident of the area belonging to the Muslim community, the two parties, however, reached on a compromise late on Thursday. The FIR says that around 200 people had forcefully barged inside the Idgah on Wednesday morning and threatened to expel the Muslim families from the village. Later in the evening, the mob again attacked those offering namaz inside the Idgah causing injuries to a few of them, said the FIR.

Centre to help set up paddy straw pellet units to arrest stubble burning

Environment Ministry's ₹50-crore incentive scheme is aimed at stopping farmers in Punjab and Haryana from burning crop residue, a major cause of pollution in New Delhi

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

With winter approaching and instances of stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana rising, the Union Environment Ministry announced a ₹50 crore scheme on Thursday to incentivise industrialists and entrepreneurs to set up paddy straw pelletisation and torrefaction plants.

Paddy straw made into pellets or torrefied can be mixed with coal in thermal power plants. This saves coal as well as reduces carbon emissions that would otherwise have been emitted were the straw burnt in the fields, as is the regular practice of most farmers in Punjab and Haryana.

New units set up after Thursday would be eligible for government funding in the form of capital to set up such plants. The estimated cost of setting up a regular pelletisation plant, which can process a tonne per hour, is ₹35 lakh. Under the scheme, the Centre will fund such plants to a maximum of ₹70 lakh subject to capacity.

Solution is at hand: A farmer burning stubble near Amritsar. AFP

Similarly, the cost of establishing a torrefaction plant is ₹70 lakh. Under the scheme, it is eligible for a maximum funding of ₹1.4 crore. Torrefaction is costlier but can deliver a product whose energy content is much higher and theoretically substitute for more coal in a power plant.

One-time measure

The Centre has underlined that this would be a "one-time only" scheme and regular pellet plants would be eligible for ₹40 crore of the overall pie.

Every year, about 27 million tonne of paddy straw is generated in Punjab and Haryana. The problem is that about 75% or 20 million tonne is from non-basmati rice that cannot be fed to cattle because of its high silica content. "About 11 million tonne can be managed in the field and the rest is usually burnt which adds to the air pollution crisis in Delhi," said MM Kutty, Chairman, Commission Air Quality Management (CAQM), at an event here to announce the scheme.

Through the years the government has attempted to dissuade farmers from burning straw through penalising them as well as incentivising them.

"The Environment Ministry has so far been seen as an organisation that stops everyone. But I'd like to congratulate the Central Pollution Control Board for devising this scheme that will help convert waste to wealth and provide job opportunities to our rural youth in Punjab and Haryana," said Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav.

'MGNREGS made up for up to 80% income loss during pandemic'

Study analyses data from eight blocks in Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

In a first providing empirical evidence, a study conducted on the impact of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed that the wages earned under the Act helped people compensate between 20% and 80% of the income loss incurred because of the lockdown. The report also said that around 39% all job card-holding households interested in working under the MGNREGA did not get a single day of work in the year 2020-21.

The study titled, "Employment guarantee during COVID-19- The Role of MGNREGA in the year after the 2020 lockdown" conducted by Centre for Sustainable Employment, Azim Premji University, collaborative Research and Dissemination (CORD), Samaj Pragati Sahyog and NREGA consortium was released on Thursday. The study was aimed at determining the extent to which working in the programme provided income support to vulnerable households during the pandemic.

The team surveyed a total of eight blocks in four States -- Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. The final report of the survey that was conducted in December 2021 said, " For households who had not worked in the pre-COVID year but did find work during the COVID year, we find that MGNREGA earnings compensated for anywhere between 20% and 100% of income lost from other sources".

The study, however, also pointed out that MGNREGA was unable to meet with the actual demand from the ground. Across the eight blocks on an average 39% of households did not get a single day's work. "This means two out of five households that needed work in the COVID year did not get even a single day of MGNREGA work. And, those households that did not get a single day of work, actually wanted 77 days of work in the year on average," the study pointed out.

BJP to launch 'Jan Aakrosh Yatra' in Rajasthan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP in Rajasthan appears to be readying itself for next year's Assembly election, with a 'Jan Aakrosh Yatra' being planned from mid-November to December 17 covering all 200 Assembly seats in the State, and the setting up of a 'joining committee' headed by Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal to facilitate the entry of leaders from other parties to the BJP.

According to a BJP office-bearer in charge of affairs in Rajasthan, over 600 leaders from within the State will be deployed during this programme

Meanwhile, the 'committee for joining' will mostly process any approaches made by the BJP towards leaders of other parties or vice versa.

A quest for the 'ghost' cat based on lore

Wildlife officials in Arunachal Pradesh await results of a survey to ascertain the presence of the elusive snow leopard in the Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

A big cat's skin that no one saw is behind the survey of the 'ghost of the mountains' in India's easternmost tiger reserve.

The snow leopard has never been spotted nor recorded in the Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh. The 1,985 sq. km reserve bordering Myanmar has an elevation varying from 200 metres to 4,571 metres above sea level.

However, wildlife officials in the State are eagerly awaiting the analysis of the data of a survey conducted in 2021 to ascertain the presence of the elusive snow leopard, often referred to as a mountain ghost because of its coat that helps it blend in a snowy-rocky environment.

The snow leopard is often referred to as a mountain ghost because of its coat that helps it blend in a snowy environment. GETTY IMAGES

"We provided all the data of the survey to the World Wide Fund for Nature earlier this year. We expect the results by November," Milo Tassar, the deputy conservator of forest (Wildlife) told *The Hindu* on Thursday. The data was collected from a high-altitude Himalayan belt across 11 wildlife divisions from Tawang in the west and Anini to the east.

Namdapha is the known home of three other large cats – tiger, leopard and clouded leopard. The belief that the national park is also the habitat of the snow leopard is based on the claim of a hunter from the Lisu ethnic community that he possessed the skin of the carnivore.

"A person in Vijaynagar (close to Myanmar border, in Changlang district) had described having a skin that could have been of a snow leopard. He called it Lamaphu, which is possibly the local name for a snow leopard. The tiger is called Lama in the Lisu dialect," Aparajita Datta of Nature Conservation Foundation-India said.

"But that person did not have the skin as it was destroyed when his house caught fire," she added. The Namdapha National Park authorities have a checklist that mentions "reports of skin with Lisus". "I believe the presence of a snow leopard is uncertain in the eastern part of Arunachal Pradesh but more intensive scientific surveys may yield some result," a researcher associated with the State Forest Department said.

Accept bypoll candidate's resignation, HC tells BMC

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

In a major relief to 'Shiv Sena Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray' party, the Bombay High Court on Thursday directed the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to accept the resignation of its employee and the party's candidate for the Andheri (East) Assembly bypoll, Rutuja Latke.

Ms. Latke, an administrative officer with the BMC, tendered her resignation on September 2 to contest the bypoll. However, she was told that her letter was not in a proper format. She then submitted a fresh resignation letter, but the civic body was yet to take a call. On Wednesday, she moved the High Court seeking direction to the BMC to accept her resignation.

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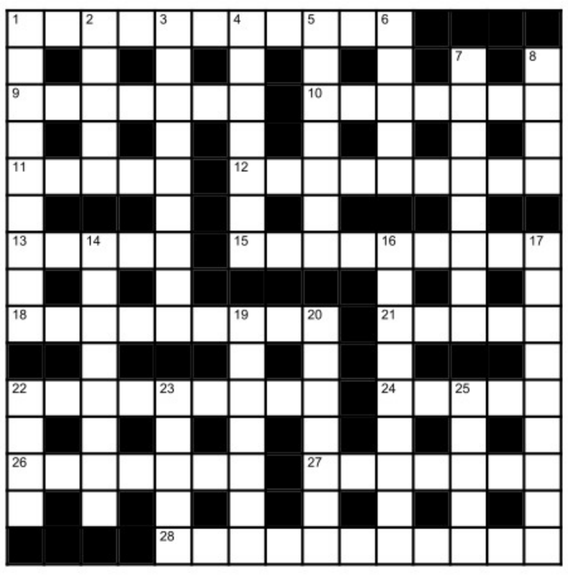

Across

1 King's born with seizures leading to reversals (11)
9 Decorate couch, one leading to a peaceful state (7)
10 Tree trimmed and displaced in back alley. It's evergreen (7)
11 River, mountains and country... (5)
12 ... open land, butcher stripped , made desolate (9)
13 Artist displaying measure of intelligence at India is a Middle Easterner (5)
15 Stated that a type of file carried by media's dangerous primarily (9)
18 Recent developments involving ICC is unconventional (9)
21 Break after century? Top (5)
22 Say, Aishwarya's son in shock on assessment (9)
24 Dish is over, get one (5)
26 Scholar tries mingling with experts (7)
27 Somehow eager to hold a title that says more puny (7)
28 Crazy cowards took crossword out of two containers leading to unexpected source of troubles (8,3)

Down

1 Urea being used to cultivate vegetable (9)
2 Condition to free editor's heartless (5)
3 Stare endlessly at sick individual playing with huge amount (9)
4 To name fast? Shaven head (7)
5 Remaining distance to cover (7)
6 Metals melted without some air makes a kind of iron (5)
7 One tea set to be prepared impure (8)
8 Delighted to encourage lady for nothing (4)
14 Took measures to employ civil engineer, starting pay to be agreed on (8)
16 Brains of palace hen to be cooked (9)
17 Spot table for a printer, say (3,6)
19 Right, America is upset with a foreign national (7)
20 City pass given to doctor wearing spectacles (7)
22 21A came apart (4)
23 Breakdown of air-conditioning put right (3,2)
25 Clean small child, first one; a gem almost (5)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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3	6	4	1	5	8	2	9	7
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FAITH

Duryodhana's enemy

Dhritarashtra disapproves of Duryodhana's desire to fight the Pandavas. Duryodhana argues with his father, said Kidambi Narayanan, in a discourse. He says Dhritarashtra's advice is not practical. Victory is important to a king, whether it is achieved in dharmic ways or adharmic ways. A king should drive away his enemies. But who is one's enemy? Duryodhana's definition of an enemy is anyone who is in the same profession! Since both he and Yudhisthira are kings, he sees Yudhisthira as a natural enemy. Duryodhana says that one must not be happy about an enemy's prosperity. Wealth is the criterion to earn the respect of relatives. No one treats a poor relation respectfully. The Rajasuya yaga which Yudhisthira performed has brought him not only fame, but unimaginable riches as well. Duryodhana was witness to the grandeur of that yaga. He confesses that had he not seen the honours heaped on Yudhisthira, he would not have been so sorrowful.

Sakuni consoles Duryodhana. He says he must invite the Pandavas to a game of dice and defeat them through cunning. In a war, the bow is a powerful weapon. In the game of dice, it is the bet that plays the same role as the bow. The dice are the arrows. A bow has a bowstring. The equivalent of that in the game is the secret of knowing how to play. The act of throwing the dice is like the act of driving a chariot, which requires skill. Duryodhana then urges his father to invite the Pandavas to play the game, for he is certain that Sakuni, a very skilled player and a cunning one too, will be able to deprive the Pandavas of all their wealth. Dhritarashtra continues to be reluctant. Duryodhana repeats that the Pandavas are his foes.

FLORIDA

Parkland school shooter to get life sentence for killing 17

A jury spared Florida school shooter Nikolas Cruz from the death penalty on Thursday for killing 17 people at a Parkland high school in 2018, sending him to prison for the remainder of his life. The massacre is the deadliest mass shooting that has ever gone to trial in the U.S. AP

SEOUL

North Korea's leader Kim 'oversaw' test-firing of long range missiles

North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un oversaw the launch of two long-range strategic cruise missiles, state media reported on Thursday. The test-firing was conducted on Wednesday, and was aimed at "enhancing the combat efficiency and might" of cruise missiles deployed to the Korean People's Army. AP

JERUSALEM

Israeli police arrest 9 Palestinians as clashes continue in Jerusalem

Israeli police said on Thursday they had arrested nine Palestinians during overnight clashes in east Jerusalem, with tensions surging across the occupied West Bank. Palestinians launched a rare general strike on Wednesday in response to a days-long operation by Israeli forces in the Shuafat Palestinian refugee camp. REUTERS

DUBAI

Saudis say U.S. sought one month delay of OPEC+ production cuts

Saudi Arabia said on Thursday the U.S. had urged the kingdom to postpone a decision by OPEC and its allies — including Russia — to cut oil production by a month. Such a delay could have helped reduce the risk of a spike in fuel prices ahead of the U.S. midterm elections next month. REUTERS

Amid zero-COVID push, Beijing sees rare protest

'Food, not COVID tests; reform, not a cultural revolution; freedom, not lockdowns; votes, not leaders; dignity, not lies; citizens, not slaves,' read banners displayed on a bridge in Haidian

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Strict screening: Medical workers in protective suits gather swabs from passengers for testing, at an arrival hall of Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport in China on Wednesday. REUTERS

Dashing expectations of many in China of an easing in the stringent "zero-COVID" regime following next week's Communist Party congress, the official *People's Daily* newspaper has defended a continuation of the policy as "sustainable".

While sparing China mass deaths, the third straight year of "zero-COVID" has inflicted economic pain even as the testing and lockdown measures that held firm in 2020 and 2021 have been challenged by new variants, leading to harsher lockdowns. China is currently dealing with among its biggest spread of cases since the early days of the pandemic.

Social media showed images of a rare protest in Beijing on Thursday – despite the current blanket of security ahead of Sunday's Party congress - with banners displayed on a bridge in the district of Haidian, home to universities and tech firms, calling for an end to the policy.

"Food, not COVID tests," it read. "Reform, not a Cultural Revolution. Freedom, not lockdowns. Votes, not leaders. Dignity, not lies. Citizens, not slaves". The banners were taken down by the police.

Days ahead of the October 16 congress that is set to confirm President Xi Jinping's third term, the *People's Daily*, however, strongly defended the policy, publishing, starting from Monday, three commentaries supporting the policy in three consecutive editions, and slamming those advocating a loosening for "lying flat".

"If there is a large-scale COVID-19 resurgence, the spread of the epidemic will have a serious impact on economic and social development, and the final cost will be higher and the loss will be greater," it said.

Political narrative

Zero-COVID has been framed as one of Mr. Xi's key legacies as he completes a decade at the helm, and contrasted with mass deaths in the West. The political narrative surrounding it had been seen as one reason for its continuation until the congress.

However, there are few signs of loosening even as Mr. Xi's third term begins. Chinese health experts have said a moving away from the policy would require a sustained vaccination booster campaign, as well as a significant change in the current government messaging that portrays COVID-19 as a life-threatening disease. A shift, experts say, would require several months of preparation on both fronts. The economic costs and lockdowns have, however, left the public less supportive of a policy that most backed in 2020 and 2021, as China enjoyed a degree of normalcy such as open schools and factories as the rest of the world reeled from the virus.

U.S. vows to defend 'every inch' of NATO

Reuters
BRUSSELS

The United States reaffirmed its commitment to defend "every inch" of NATO territory ahead of talks among defence ministers from the alliance on Thursday that will include closed-door discussions by its Nuclear Planning Group. U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin made the remarks affirming America's commitment to NATO's collective defence following repeated nuclear threats by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Mr. Austin spoke shortly before attending a meeting by NATO's senior body which handles policy issues associated with the alliance's nuclear forces.

In talks with Erdogan, Putin proposes building 'gas hub'

Agence France-Presse
ASTANA

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday told his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan that Moscow would consider developing a "gas hub" in Turkey, with Russia's supplies to Europe disrupted by Ukraine-related sanctions and leaks at key pipelines.

"Turkey has turned out to be the most reliable route for deliveries today, even to Europe. We could consider the possibility of creating a gas hub in Turkey for supplies to other countries," the Russian leader told Mr. Erdogan at a face-to-face meeting in the capital of Kazakhstan.

Mr. Erdogan has aimed to retain open dialogue with Russia and Western countries since the start of Russia's invasion, despite an array of differences including conflicts in Syria and elsewhere.

Erdogan meets Putin in Kazakhstan on Thursday.

Regulating prices

"It would be a platform, not only for deliveries, but also for determining [gas] prices," Mr. Putin said at the meeting with Erdogan, adding that: "Today these prices are exorbitant and we could normally regulate this without any political overtones".

Gas prices have rocketed since the beginning of Russia's war and Europe has struggled to find alternative energy supplies after Russia strangled deliveries.

After talks, Erdogan defended Turkey's ties with Russia. "While Turkey and Russia's steps will disturb certain circles, they will make less developed countries happy," he said, referring to a deal he helped broker paving the way for Ukrainian grain deliveries across the Black Sea.

Iran President accuses U.S. of 'destabilisation' amid protests

Associated Press
DUBAI

Iran's President on Thursday accused the U.S. of conducting a "failed policy of destabilisation" targeting his nation, as Iranian protesters continued to call for the downfall of its rulers despite a violent and wide-ranging crackdown.

President Ebrahim Raisi has repeatedly dismissed the unrest sparked by the death of a 22-year-old woman in policy custody as a purported Western plot. His latest remarks came after protests erupted in cities across Iran on Wednesday. "The Iranian nation has invalidated the American military option and, as they themselves have admitted, brought the policy of sanctions and maximum pressure a humiliating failure," Mr. Raisi said on Thursday to a conference in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Ebrahim Raisi slammed the United States at a regional conference in Kazakhstan

"Now, following America's failure in militarisation and sanctions, Washington and its allies have resorted to the failed policy of destabilisation."

Lebanon fails to elect President

Agence France-Presse
BEIRUT

Lebanon's Parliament on Thursday failed for a second time to elect a successor to President Michel Aoun, with some lawmakers boycotting the vote meaning the quorum was not reached. Only 71 out of 128 lawmakers attended Thursday's session. Parliament speaker Nabih Berri called for another vote on October 20.

Truss in political distress after MPs meet

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Embattled British Prime Minister Liz Truss faced fresh woes on Thursday after a prominent Conservative party insider said some of her own MPs were considering a push to replace her with two former rivals.

"All sorts of different people are talking about all sorts of different things because the Conservative backbenchers are casting around for a possible replacement for [Finance Minister] Kwasi Kwarteng, even for a possible replacement for Liz Truss," Paul Goodman told the *BBC*.

Liz Truss

MPs have been alarmed by a YouGov poll two weeks ago that gave the main opposition Labour party of Keir Starmer a huge overall lead of 33 points.

The poll came after the government's controversial September 23 mini-budget that spooked the financial markets, heaping further pressure on cash-strapped households battling a cost-of-living crisis.

The lead is the biggest the Labour party has recorded in any published poll since the late 1990s heyday of former leader Tony Blair.

Ms. Truss has enjoyed the shortest honeymoon period of any British political leader in living memory, so much so that *The Economist* this week said she had "the shelf-life of a lettuce".

Ms. Truss is the Conservative party's fourth leader in seven years.

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SMT. THULASI BALAN

December 9th, 1927 – October 11th, 2022

With indescribable grief we announce the passing of our beloved, beautiful Thulasi (Paapa), of Anna Nagar, Chennai.

Thulasi was deeply devoted to her family and most of all to our beloved father, Capt. M. Balan. Their love and commitment to each other was unsurpassed; they would have celebrated their 75th anniversary in little less than a month. For our dad, who teasingly referred to her as his "able secretary," this is an incalculable loss.

She was simple, sentimental, modest and unassuming, always playing down her own sharp intelligence and skills. She had few needs for herself. Her one wish was for her children to be happy and healthy.

She was a wonderful cook and an incredible homemaker, who moved a lot across India due to her husband's job as a Chief Pilot Instructor, yet always made her home a haven for her family, uprooting herself without complaint.

Her lovely signature smile attracted everyone. Her youthful appearance took people by surprise. She made friends wherever she went and loved us all deeply and unconditionally. Her faith in God was constant, despite losing her mother Bhuvanambigai at age 5 and her brother Rajagopal at age 15, and undergoing many hardships. Graceful and resilient, she never complained and never inflicted her sorrows on us. As a child, she took after her father (P.R. Balakrishnan) in athletics, winning at least 13 silver cups in various sports - badminton and tennikoit were her favorites. She loved: indoor games like carrom and cards, acting in childhood plays, solving word games including Wordle, knitting, Nature.

She was the last surviving member of her birth family. She reminisced often about her childhood and college days (Maharani), regaling us with rich family stories. We were blessed to have her in our lives until she was almost 95. Though this is a treasure beyond compare, for which we thank the Almighty, we would give anything to have even one more day with her. She was our nurturer, our strongest advocate. It is unfathomable to think of going on without our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother; our grief is profound. Rest in peace, dearest one. You will always be loved and never forgotten. None like you will walk this earth again. May your memory be a blessing to all.

She is survived by her cherished husband, Captain M. Balan, her 3 children, sons Velan (Meera) and Karthik (Rama) and daughter Bhuvana (Chandra Muthu); 5 grandchildren: Sangeeta, Krithika, Ashwin, Valli, Kavitha and their spouses; ten great-grandchildren: Anya and Layla, Alhaan, Zoha and Jehaan, Maya and Ava, Kai, Indira and Kadir.

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INBRIEF

NHAI InvIT looking to raise additional ₹3,800 cr.: Gadkari

The National Highways Infra Trust (NHAI InvIT) is looking to raise additional ₹3,800 crore, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Thursday. At an event organised by the NHAI InvIT, Mr. Gadkari said of the additional fundraise, about ₹1,500 crore is being garnered through an issue of non-convertible debentures (NCDs) with a long-dated maturity of 24 years. These InvIT bonds would be listed on the BSE and NSE providing an opportunity for investors to invest and trade, he added. PTI

India may see $20 bn inflows in climatetech: Enzia Ventures

India may see up to $20 billion worth of investments in the 'climatetech' sector by 2030, said Enzia Ventures, a venture capital firm focused on healthcare, education and environment. Co-founder and partner Namita Dalmia said Indian entrepreneurs, over the next decade, would build new products for the global market. Ms. Dalmia was speaking at a Global Impact Summit, organised jointly with HolonIQ, an impact market intelligence platform.

Veranda Learning to buy 76% stake in J.K. Shah for ₹338 cr.

Chennai-based EdTech firm Veranda Learning Solutions Ltd. has agreed to acquire Mumbai-based J.K. Shah Education Pvt. Ltd. (JK Shah) through its wholly owned subsidiary Veranda XL Learning Solutions. In the first phase, Veranda said it would pay ₹337.82 crore for 76% stake via a mix of debt and equity. The final closing value will be based on JK Shah's turnover from November 24 to October 25. This is Veranda's fourth acquisition.

Infosys lifts revenue forecast, Q2 net rises 11% to ₹6,021 cr.

Software services provider cites 'strong' pipeline; announces ₹9,300-crore buyback, dividend of ₹16.50 per share; onboards 40,000 freshers in first half as attrition inches down

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Infosys on Thursday lifted the lower end of its full-year revenue guidance citing a 'strong' demand pipeline, after the software services provider reported second-quarter net profit rose 11.1% to ₹6,021 crore.

The company said FY23 revenue would grow 15-16%, compared with the 14-16% it had forecast earlier.

CEO and MD Salil Parekh said on an earnings call that while concerns around the economic outlook persisted, the demand pipeline was strong as clients remained 'confident in the firm's ability to deliver'.

Retaining talent: Attrition eased by 130 basis points from the June quarter to 27.1% in Q2, with net hiring touching 10,032. FILE PHOTO

Revenue expanded 23.4% from a year earlier to ₹36,538 crore. Mr. Parekh said total contract value for large deals at $2.7 billion was the highest in the last seven quarters.

Quarterly attrition had been declining in the last three quarters in a row, he pointed out. In Q2, attrition eased by 130 basis points from the June quarter to 27.1%.

Onboards 40,000

The firm onboarded 40,000 freshers, of its total fresher hiring plan of 50,000 for the full fiscal. Net hiring touched 10,032, taking the total headcount to 3,45,218.

Infosys also announced a ₹9,300-crore share buyback through the open market route, at a price not exceeding ₹1,850 per share and an interim dividend of ₹16.50. Infosys's shares fell 0.6% to ₹1,419.75 on the BSE. The results were released after market close.

Rent, food costs spur U.S. retail inflation to 8.2%

Reuters
WASHINGTON

U.S. consumer prices rose more than expected in September as rents surged by the most since 1990 and the cost of food also rose, reinforcing expectations the Federal Reserve will deliver a fourth 75-basis-point rate increase at its meeting next month.

"This is not what the Fed wants to see six months into one of the most aggressive tightening cycle," said Sal Guatieri, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

The consumer price index rose 0.4% last month after gaining 0.1% in August. In the 12 months through September, the CPI increased 8.2% after rising 8.3% in August.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	57,235	-0.68
US Dollar	82.38	-0.06
Gold	51,255	0.19
Brent oil	94.14	2.02

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3233.65	10.00
Adani Ports	784.75	-19.15
Apollo Hosp	4266.05	-21.00
Asian Paints	3209.00	-39.20
Axis Bank	802.00	-6.70
Bajaj Auto	3604.80	-19.70
Bajaj Finserv	1681.75	-12.90
Bajaj Finance	7151.65	-74.55
Bharti Airtel	768.90	-6.65
BPCL	300.30	-2.20
Britannia Ind	3784.60	21.60
Cipla	1103.65	-4.80
Coal India	234.55	2.45
Divis Lab	3523.85	-3.95
Dr Reddys Lab	4254.65	13.50
Eicher Motors	3471.20	13.00
Grasim Ind	1679.75	8.10
HCL Tech	982.10	30.10
HDFC	2283.25	-18.50
HDFC Bank	1393.60	-16.20
HDFC Life	520.65	-5.95
Hero MotoCorp	2546.45	-3.60
Hindalco	401.55	1.35
Hind Unilever	2566.40	-24.95
ICICI Bank	853.60	-14.75
IndusInd Bank	1184.25	-4.80
Infosys	1419.90	-8.80
ITC	328.65	-1.45
JSW Steel	648.35	-2.75
Kotak Bank	1801.50	-8.70
L&T	1876.15	-35.10
M&M	1248.20	0.30
Maruti Suzuki	8649.55	-37.05
NestleIndia	18763.65	38.25
NTPC	164.75	-0.25
ONGC	129.85	-1.50
PowerGrid Corp	213.95	-1.60
Reliance Ind	2382.80	7.55
SBI Life	1187.90	-24.30
State Bank	521.45	-12.35
Sun Pharma	968.40	12.85
TataConsumer Product	757.40	0.05
Tata Motors	399.00	2.45
Tata Steel	100.10	-0.45
TCS	3103.30	2.55
Tech Mahindra	1012.95	-2.95
Titan	2598.65	-22.70
UltraTech Cement	6181.75	4.05
UPL	663.90	-9.70
Wipro	379.10	-28.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 13

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.15	82.47
Euro	80.03	80.35
British Pound	92.53	92.9
Japanese Yen (100)	55.98	56.2
Chinese Yuan	11.43	11.49
Swiss Franc	82.32	82.64
Singapore Dollar	57.36	57.59
Canadian Dollar	59.53	59.79
Malaysian Ringitt	17.5	17.58
Australian Dollar	51.65	51.86

Source:Indian Bank

Data centres with at least 5 MW load get 'infra' tag

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Centre has accorded infrastructure status to data centres with at least 5-MW capacity, according to a recent notification.

The move will help data centre firms get easier access to credit at lower rates and attract foreign investments. Data centre capacity is measured as power consumed, reflecting the scale of servers they host.

'Food prices seen staying sticky, may keep inflation at about 7% in Q3 too'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The poor are facing a higher inflation burden due to the surge in food prices especially for items like cereals and vegetables, which are unlikely to cool soon owing to unseasonal rainfall and lower Kharif crop sowing, opine economists.

Urban India's poorest households – those in the bottom 20% income bracket – faced as much as 8.1% inflation in September,

while those in the top 20% income segment experienced a far lower 7.2% inflation, Crisil Ratings estimated on Thursday. Similarly, those in the lowest income bracket in rural areas faced 7.8% inflation last month, compared with 7.3% for the top 20% income households.

Food inflation soared to a 22-month high of 8.4% in September, lifting retail inflation to a five-month high of 7.4%. Cereals inflation hit a 108-month high at 11.5%, mainly due to wheat, which has clocked double-digit inflation since June and hit 17.4% in September, and rice – which rose to 9.2%, from 6.9% in August. And vegetable inflation quickened to 18.1%.

"Essential items, such as food and fuel, occupy a greater share in the consumption basket of lower-income classes," Crisil economists pointed out. "Across rural and urban areas, the poor continued to face effectively higher inflation than their richer counterparts (top 20%), as inflation for food and fuel items remained higher than for core items." Economists at SBI said food prices would likely spur inflation to average 7% in Q3.

Zoomcar to list in U.S. via $456 million SPAC deal

Reuters

Indian car rental platform Zoomcar said on Thursday it would go public in the United States after being acquired by blank-check firm Innovative International Acquisition Corp.

The deal will value the combined company at $456 million, including debt, Zoomcar said.

The firm said proceeds from a trust account that contains about $235 million will provide the capital for general working purposes.

ICRA flags fiscal space of ₹7.4 lakh cr. for 13 States' capex

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

As many as 13 major States have massive fiscal space of ₹7.4 lakh crore for capital spending in the current fiscal, 81% higher than the last fiscal, ICRA said.

The 13 States, having almost 85% share in India's GDP in 2020-21, had made a capital expenditure of ₹4.1 lakh crore last fiscal. Their Budget estimate for capex spending this fiscal is ₹5.8 lakh crore, the rating agency added.

The agency's analysis is based on the 13 States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

"While the availability of funds doesn't appear to be a constraint in FY23, the actual outgo incurred by these State governments in the early months of this fiscal has been rather muted," ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said.

Mindtree Q2 net profit rises 28% to ₹509 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Mindtree Ltd. on Thursday reported a 27.5% year-on-year growth in net profit to ₹508.7 crore for the September-ended quarter.

Revenue grew 31.4% to ₹3,400.4 crore, it said.

"Performance in the second quarter marked a solid first half of the year," Debashis Chatterjee, CEO and MD, said. Mindtree reported an attrition of 24.1% (trailing 12 months).

As of September 30, the firm had 38,290 staff.

SIA holds talks with Tatas on Vistara, Air India merger

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Singapore Airlines (SIA) informed the Singapore Exchange that it was holding discussions with Tata Sons for the possible merger of Vistara and Air India.

Vistara is a joint venture between SIA and Tata Sons in which the former owns 49% stake and the latter, 51%. "SIA is currently in confidential discussions with Tata to explore a potential transaction... the discussions seek to deepen the existing partnership between SIA and Tata, and may include a potential integration of Vistara and Air India," the airline said in a statement.

'Multi-hub' strategy

It added that the discussions were in line with its 'multi-hub' strategy which allows SIA access to important markets that complement its strong Singapore hub and that India's domestic and international traffic flow was expected to double in the next 10 years.

However, the airline said, no definitive terms were agreed upon, and there was no certainty that the transaction would materialise.

Since the government's sale of Air India and its low-cost international arm Air India Express in January this year, Tata Sons has been working to consolidate all the airline businesses into one group, including its AirAsia India joint venture with Malaysia's AirAsia Berhad.

PV wholesales scale 10 lakh peak in Sept. quarter: SIAM

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Passenger vehicle (PV) wholesales crossed the 10-lakh quarterly mark for the first time in the September quarter as automakers pushed units to dealers to cater to the festive demand, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers said on Thursday.

As per SIAM data, PV wholesales in the September quarter increased by 38% to 10,26,309 units, as against 7,41,442 units in the year-earlier period.

Sport

Barca on the brink of dropping down

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Barcelona slipped closer to a second straight Champions League group-stage exit despite Robert Lewandowski's double in a thrilling 3-3 draw with Inter Milan on Wednesday, while Mohamed Salah scored the fastest hat-trick in the competition's history – a six-minute treble, breaking Bafetimbi Gomis' record from 2011 – as Liverpool hammered Rangers.

Bayern Munich, Napoli and Club Brugge - for the first time since the inaugural group stage in 1991-92 - all booked places in the last 16.

Xavi Hernandez's Barca needed a victory at the Camp Nou to keep its fate in its own hands.

Goal-fest: Salah's six-minute hat-trick was the icing on the cake for Liverpool's big win over Rangers.AP

Barca now trails second-placed Inter by three points in Group C, but with a stronger head-to-head record, Simone Inzaghi's side will qualify with Bayern if it beats pointless Viktoria Plzen at home in two weeks. Bayern reached the knockouts for a 15th consecutive season with a 4-2 victory at Plzen.

Earlier, Group A leader Napoli progressed with a 4-2 home victory over Ajax.

The results: Group A: Napoli 4 (Lozano 4, Raspadori 16, Kvaratskhelia 62-pen, Osimhen 90) bt Ajax 2 (Klaassen 49, Bergwijn 83-pen); Rangers 1 (Arfield 17) lost to Liverpool 7 (Firmino 24, 55, Nunez 66, Salah 76, 80, 81, Elliott 89).

Group B: Atletico Madrid 0 drew with Club Brugge 0; Bayer Leverkusen 0 lost to FC Porto 3 (Galeno 6, Taremi 53-pen, 64-pen).

Group C: Barcelona 3 (Dembele 40, Lewandowski 82, 90+2) drew with Inter Milan 3 (Barella 50, Martinez 63, Gosens 89); Viktoria Plzen 2 (Vlkanova 62, Kliment 75) lost to Bayern Munich 4 (Mane 10, Mueller 14, Goretzka 25, 35).

Group D: Sporting Lisbon 0 lost to Marseille 2 (Guendouzi 20-pen, Sanchez 30); Tottenham Hotspur 3 (Son 20, 36, Kane 28-pen) bt Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Kamada 14, Alidou 87).

Sajan relives his best moments

M. R. Praveen Chandran
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Seven years after his sensational debut at the National Games in Kerala, swimmer Sajan Prakash has once again relived the best moments of his career at the Sardar Patel Aquatic complex in Rajkot during the Gujarat National Games 2022.

Sajan won eight medals which included five individual golds, two silvers and one bronze medal in the National Games.

But winning back-to-back awards as the best athlete of the National Games was not something which Sajan had expected especially due to an injury.

"After the Commonwealth Games, I was thinking of taking rest but the National Games was announced suddenly and there was no way I was going to miss it. National Games is always special to me. As Kerala's best medal hope, I was looking to participate in as many events and was not looking at the timings.

High point: Sajan receiving the best male athlete award from Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel. VIJAY SONEJI

"I am satisfied with my performance and eight medals is not bad considering that I wasn't fully fit. I had a pain in the lower abdomen and it affected my performance on the first three days. It is great to win the best athlete award again though I must say I wasn't excepting it," he said.

With the young bunch of swimmers pushing him in many events, Sajan managed to hold them off and remind everyone that he is still one of the best swimmers in the country.

"It feels great to be consistent. Moreover, it is good to understand that I am still strong aerobically and that I am strong in other events as well apart from my favourite butterfly events,'' said the 29-year-old Sajan. Though he still remains as one of the fittest swimmers around, Sajan said it was important for him to take a break to rest his shoulders.

T20 WC WARM-UP

Rahul's knock goes in vain as India loses to Western Australia

K.L Rahul's 74 was not enough as India lost to Western Australia by 36 runs in its second T20 World Cup warm-up game in Perth.
The scores: Western Australia 168/8 in 20 overs (D'Arcy Short 52, Nick Hobson 64, R. Ashwin 3/32, Harshal Patel 2/27) bt India 132/8 in 20 overs (K.L. Rahul 74, Lance Morris 2/23).

CRICKET

Babar and Rizwan on song as Pakistan pips Bangladesh

Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan's 101-run partnership helped Pakistan beat Bangladesh by seven wickets in the tri-series in Christchurch on Thursday.
The scores: Bangladesh 173/6 in 20 overs (Liton 69, Shakib 68) lost to Pakistan 177/3 in 19.5 overs (Rizwan 69, Babar 55, Nawaz 45 n.o.).

HOCKEY

Great chance for India to finish on podium in 2023 WC: Baskaran

India needs to draw confidence from its Tokyo Olympics campaign and claim a podium finish in next year's hockey World Cup, feels former captain and coach V. Baskaran. "I believe India has a sure shot at a medal in Odisha this time. The team is in the good hands of Graham Reid and the support staff," he said.

TENNIS

A way out for Djokovic to enter Australia for the Open?

A Melbourne-based immigration lawyer says Novak Djokovic will likely be successful if he applies for a visa to enter Australia for the season-opening Major next year. It could be as simple as writing to the Australian Border Force, explaining his exceptional circumstances and asking for any ban on re-entry to be waived.

India crushes Thailand, reaches the Asia Cup final for eighth straight time

After Shafali takes the Women in Blue to 148, Deepti picks up the first three wickets off consecutive overs to derail the chase; Rajeshwari scalps two

CRICKET

Press Trust of India
SYLHET

A dominant India crushed Thailand by 74 runs to storm into the final and remain on course for a record-extending seventh women's Asia Cup title here on Thursday.

The win over Thailand took India to its eighth straight Asia Cup final – four each in ODI and T20 formats. Before 2012, the tournament was a 50-over-a-side affair.

India posted 148 for six after being put in and then restricted Thailand to 74 for nine in the lop-sided contest.

Chasing the target, Thailand was never in the hunt as it lost wickets at regular intervals.

The Thai women, however, fared much better than their previous outing against India in the league stage, where they were crushed by nine wickets.

Class apart: India was too good for Thailand in the last-four contest. AFP

On Thursday, the Thailand women gave a better account of themselves with the bat despite being reduced to 21 for four in the eighth over.

Deepti Sharma (three for seven) did most of the damage with her off-spin, picking up the first three Thailand wickets – Nannapat Koncharoenkai, Natthakan Chantham and Sornnarin Tippoch – in consecutive overs.

Medium-pacer Renuka Singh (one for six) then cleaned Chanida Sutthiruang as Thailand's chase fell apart.

Captain Naruemol Chaiwai (21) and Nattaya Boochatham (21) showed some resistance with the bat with a 42-run stand for the fifth wicket but the asking rate was too tall.

Rajeshwari Gayakwad (two for 0), Shafali Verma (one for 10) and Sneh Rana (one for 16) were the other wicket-takers for India.

Earlier, invited to bat, Shafali Verma was at her destructive best, top-scoring for India with a 28-ball 42 with five boundaries and one hit over the fence.

Most of the dismissals were gifts to the Thailand bowlers as the Indian batters were guilty of giving away their wickets after getting starts.

Towards the end, Pooja Vastrakar hit a quick 13-ball 17 with the help of a six to take India close to the 150-run mark.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
Shafali Verma c Chaiwai b Tippoch 42 *(28b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Smriti Mandhana c Kamchomphu b Maya 13 *(14b, 3x4)*, Jemimah Rodrigues c Kanoh b Putthawong 27 *(26b, 3x4)*, Harmanpreet Kaur c Chantham b Tippoch 36 *(30b, 4x4)*, Richa Ghosh lbw b Tippoch 2 *(5b)*, Pooja Vastrakar (not out) 17 *(13b, 1x6)*, Deepti Sharma c Kanoh b Boochatham 3 *(5b)*; Extras (b-3, w-4, nb-1): 8; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 148.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-38 (Smriti, 4.3 overs), 2-67 (Shafali, 9.1), 3-109 (Jemimah, 13.5), 4-120 (Richa, 15.4), 5-132 (Harmanpreet, 17.6), 6-148 (Deepti, 19.6).

THAILAND BOWLING
Boochatham 4-0-31-1, Sutthiruang 2-0-15-0, Maya 1-0-12-1, Putthawong 4-0-24-1, Kamchomphu 4-0-23-0, Tippoch 4-0-24-3, Boonsukham 1-0-16-0.

THAILAND
Nannapat Koncharoenkai c Shafali b Deepti 5 *(10b, 1x4)*, Natthakan Chantham c Pooja b Deepti 4 *(14b)*, Naruemol Chaiwai lbw b Rajeshwari 21 *(41b)*, Sornnarin Tippoch c Richa b Deepti 5 *(10b, 1x4)*, Chanida Sutthiruang b Renuka 1 *(7b)*, Nattaya Boochatham lbw b Sneh 21 *(29b, 1x4)*, Rosenan Kanoh st. Richa b Shafali 5 *(4b, 1x4)*, Thipatcha Putthawong (not out) 0 *(2b)*, Phannita Maya b Rajeshwari 0 *(1b)*, Onnicha Kamchomphu run out 2 *(4b)*, Nanthita Boonsukham (not out) 0 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-3, w-4, nb-3): 10; Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 74.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-7 (Koncharoenkai, 2.5), 2-10 (Chantham, 4.1), 3-18 (Tippoch, 6.1), 4-21 (Sutthiruang, 7.5), 5-63 (Boochatham, 16.6), 6-71 (Kanoh, 17.6), 7-71 (Chaiwai, 18.4), 8-71 (Maya, 18.5), 9-73 (Kamchomphu, 19.4).

INDIA BOWLING
Deepti 4-1-7-3, Rajeshwari 4-0-10-2, Renuka 2-0-6-1, Sneh 4-0-16-1, Radha 4-0-23-0, Shafali 2-0-9-1.
Toss: Thailand.
Player-of-the-Match: Shafali.
India won by 74 runs.

Sri Lanka pips Pakistan, meets India in the summit clash

Over the moon: The Sri Lankan players celebrate the one-run win over Pakistan in the second semifinal. AFP

ANI
SYLHET

Sri Lanka pulled off a thrilling one-run victory in the semifinals of the Asia Cup against Pakistan to set a title clash with India on Saturday.

Opting to bat, Sri Lanka posted a below-par total of 122. Pakistan's Nashra Sandhu picked up three wickets to help her team restrict the Sri Lankans to a low total.

Pakistan's chase started with a bang as it raced to 31 for no loss after three overs owing to Muneeba Ali's aggression and wayward bowling from the Sri Lankan bowlers.

However, the Pakistan batters were unable to find boundaries in the final overs unable to find the gaps and lost wickets at crucial junctures. Pakistan needed nine runs off the final over but faltered.

It required three runs of the final ball to win the match and two runs to force a Super Over, but Nida Dar could manage just one run to hand Sri Lanka a dramatic win, setting up a title clash with India on Saturday.

The scores: Sri Lanka 122/6 in 20 overs (Harshitha Madavi 35, Anushka Sanjeewani 26, Nashra Sandhu 3/17) bt Pakistan 121/6 in 20 overs (Bismah Maroof 42, Nida Dar 26, Inoka Ranaweera 2/17).
Toss: Sri Lanka.

BCCI general body set to ratify five-team WIPL

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

A five-team inaugural Women's Indian Premier League (WIPL) is set to be formalised during the BCCI's annual general meeting here on October 18.

A document detailing the WIPL proposal that is to be mooted in the AGM has been circulated among the BCCI affiliates. According to the document, accessed by *The Hindu*, the members have been given two options with regard to awarding franchise.

The first is to sell the five teams "zone-wise and host matches at non-IPL venues". The second is that "teams can be sold and matches can take place at venues that currently host the IPL matches."

The venues shortlisted for the second option are Ahmedabad, Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai and Kolkata.

The BCCI has frozen a 22-match format for the league, with a round-robin league followed by two knockout games.

The exact time-frame is yet to be finalised though the documents state that the tournament "can take place in March prior to the start of IPL 2023."

Can't remain an administrator forever: Ganguly

Moving on: Ganguly described his tenure as an administrator as a 'great journey and a learning experience.' PTI

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Sourav Ganguly, the outgoing President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said on Thursday that one cannot remain a cricket administrator forever.

"You cannot play forever. You cannot remain an administrator forever," said Ganguly.

The former India captain recalled his journey as a cricket administrator and a player at an event organised by Bandhan Bank.

"I have been in administration for eight years, was president of CAB (Cricket Association of Bengal) for five years and was president of the Board for three years. All these have tenures and terms after which you have to leave," said Ganguly.

Ganguly described his tenure as an administrator as a "great journey and a learning experience."

"The challenge of being a player is completely different. You cannot compare both... it has been great fun seeing both sides of the coin," he said.

Rohit fetches the highest price

PVL AUCTION

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Attacker Rohit Kumar was acquired for the highest price of ₹17.5 lakh by Kochi Blue Spikers in the RuPay Prime Volleyball League (PVL) auction here on Thursday. Ranjit Singh, the 34-year-old setter, and young attacker Chirag Yadav were bought for ₹12.25 lakh by Hyderabad Black Hawks and Calicut Heroes. Most of the franchises retained the services of key players.

A total of 75 players, out of the 531 who were registered for the auction this season, were picked by the eight franchises. The teams had a purchase ceiling of ₹60 lakh for the Indian players and ₹40 lakh for the two international players each team was allowed to buy.

In the international category, Heroes acquired Cuba's Jose Antonio Sandoval Rojas (middle blocker) and USA's Matt Hilling (attacker) while Blue Spikers picked up Peru's Eduardo Romay (attacker) and Brazil's Walter Da Cruz Neto (middle blocker). Chennai Blitz bought attackers Moyo Audran (Cameroon) and Renato Mendes (Brazil) while Bengaluru Torpedoes roped in Iran's Alireza Abalooch and Colombia's Sebastian Giraldo. both attackers.

Defending champion Kolkata Thunderbolts got USA's Cody Caldwell (attacker) and Venezuela's Jose Verdi (middle blocker).

HFC blanks NEUFC

Sports Bureau

Hyderabad FC registered a 3-0 victory over NorthEast United FC in an ISL-9 fixture at Guwahati on Thursday. Bartholomew Ogbeche, Halicharan Narzary and Borja Herrera got their names on the scoresheet.

HFC finished the game with nine shots on target while NEUFC could muster only two. In the 13th minute, Mohamed Irshad brought Narzary down and off the resulting free kick, Mohammad Yasir whipped a beautiful cross into the box for Ogbeche to score.

HFC added two goals in the second half.

The result: NEUFC 0 lost to Hyderabad FC 3 (Ogbeche 13, Narzary 69, Herrera 73).

India seeks to iron out flaws against Morocco

Time to buck up: India seeks a better performance against Morocco after having a disastrous start against USA in its tournament opener. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
BHUBANESWAR

India will look to forget its nightmare against the United States when it takes on Morocco in its second group-stage match at the Kalinga Stadium here on Thursday.

The young Blue Tigresses were decimated by Natalia Astrain's side with an 8-0 drubbing, with five of them coming in the first 39 minutes of the game.

Dennerby's side will need to work on its composure and more importantly, on its passing at the back - something that was not just exposed, but punished brutally by the USA.

Anjali Munda - the goalkeeper - is expected to be rested with Keisham Melody Chanu - the regular goalie in the tours of Spain and Italy - set to return between the sticks.

The coach may choose to go with individual marking as opposed to zonal marking this time, which fell flat on its face during set-piece and combinations plays, in the last match.

Morocco, on the other hand, has looked defensively strong against a counter-attacking Brazil, limiting it to just one goal and will look up to its forward Yasmine Zouhir for goals.

In the other match, Brazil will lock horns with the United States. Natalia's side skipped training the day after its commanding win, while Brazil hit the ground the next day.

Melina Rebimbas and Onyeka Gamero will form the forward line for the USA while Johnson, the goal-scorer in the opening fixture, will lead Brazil's attack.

"The next objective is to go step by step. Now that they have won today, no one will think that this is easy. I can promise you that tomorrow in the recovery practice, some of them will ask to continue playing the same way," said Natalia Astrain, the head coach of the USA.

In the other two matches, Germany will play Chile – both won their opening fixtures – while Nigeria will face New Zealand.

Both matches will be played at the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Margao, Goa.

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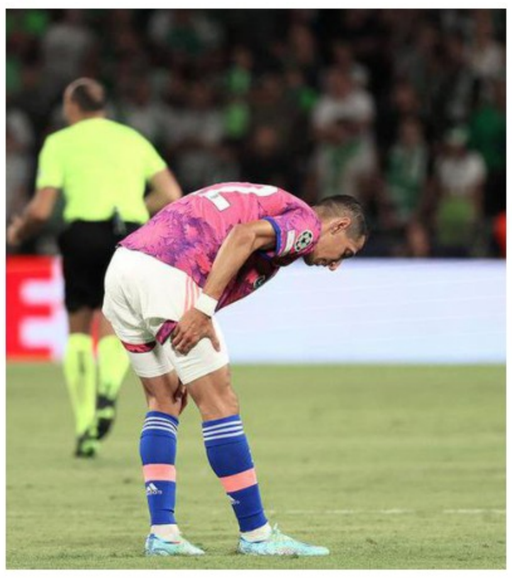

Angel Di Maria may be fit in time for World Cup

Argentina winger Angel Di Maria will be out for "around 20 days" with an injured right hamstring, Juventus announced on Thursday, leaving hope he can return in time for the World Cup. Juventus said tests revealed "a low-grade lesion to the hamstring of the right thigh," adding "it will take around 20 days for the player's complete recovery."

Ronaldo to defend himself after improper conduct

Cristiano Ronaldo will defend himself against an improper conduct charge brought by the English Football Association. He was charged following an incident with a fan after a game against Everton in April. Footage caught on camera appeared to show Ronaldo knocking a phone out of the hand of a supporter as he made his way to the locker room following United's 1-0 loss. He was later cautioned by police and last month the FA confirmed that the Portugal international had been charged with a breach of Rule E3.

Verona names novice Bocchetti as new coach

Verona announced novice Salvatore Bocchetti as its new coach on Thursday after sacking Gabriele Cioffi earlier in the week. Bocchetti, who was assistant to Cioffi's predecessor Igor Tudor last season, has been promoted from coaching Verona's youth team to take up the vacant first-team post. Cioffi was dismissed on Tuesday after a 2-1 defeat at Salernitana, its fourth loss on the bounce left Verona in the relegation zone.

Cricket Australia contemplate lifting Warner's captaincy ban

David Warner's lifetime leadership ban could be lifted as Cricket Australia directors contemplate rewriting the organisation's code of ethics, according to a report. Warner was handed a leadership ban following the infamous 2018 ball-tampering scandal, but the 35-year-old, who is closing in on 100 T20 Internationals and 100 Test appearances, has been looked upon as a possible candidate for Australia's vacant ODI captain's post.

FRIDAY'S MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY SCHEDULE

Group A (Rajkot): Railways vs. Rajasthan; Madhya Pradesh vs. Uttarakhand; Assam vs. Mumbai; Mizoram vs. Vidarbha.
Group B (Jaipur): Goa vs. Hyderabad; Punjab vs. Tripura; Delhi vs. Uttar Pradesh; Manipur vs. Pondicherry.
Group C (Mohali): Jammu & Kashmir vs. Maharashtra; Karnataka vs. Meghalaya; Haryana vs. Kerala; Arunachal Pradesh vs. Services.
Group D (Indore): Baroda vs. Gujarat; Nagaland vs. Saurashtra; Bihar vs. Himachal Pradesh.
Group E (Lucknow): Bengal vs. Odisha; Sikkim vs. Tamil Nadu; Chandigarh vs. Jharkhand.

LIVE TELECAST

T20I tri-series: (final), Prime Video, 7.30 a.m.
Syed Mushtaq Ali T20: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9, 11 a.m., 1.30 & 4.30 p.m.
Australia vs England: 3rd T20I, Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.40 p.m.
Pro Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards
ISL: SS Select 1 (SD & HD), Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12 a.m. (Saturday)
Premier League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)
La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)

'When I saw his passion, I let him follow his dream'

Shahbaz's father Ahmed says he was shocked to get a letter from the cricketer's college that he had been bunking his Civil Engineering classes for months

CRICKET

P.K. Ajith Kumar

You could count the spectators on your fingers at Jaipur's Sawai Mansingh Stadium on that October afternoon three years ago. Two of them were a middle-aged couple from Haryana's Hathin.

It was for the first time that Ahmed Jan and Abnam were watching their son in action on a cricket ground. Pride, not surprisingly, was writ large on their faces.

"Since this venue is not far from home, we thought we could watch this game," Ahmed told this correspondent, even as Bengal and Railways were battling it out in a Vijay Hazare Trophy One-Day match.

Fast rise: Shahbaz's performances have ensured that his stature has grown by leaps and bounds. AFP

Another trip

A few days ago, Ahmed and Abnam made another trip to watch their son. Their destination was nearer – New Delhi. The match was bigger – the final ODI between India and South Africa.

Their son, Shahbaz Ahmed, was now an international, having made his debut in the second ODI at Ranchi.

"The atmosphere inside the Arun Jaitley Stadium was amazing," he says over phone. "Such a big crowd was there, unlike Jaipur. It felt great."

Shahbaz had made him feel happy. He had taken two crucial wickets, of Aiden Markram and Heinrich Klaasen.

In the Jaipur match, too, Shahbaz had done well. After scoring 30, he had taken one for 26 with his left-arm spin.

"Shahbaz went to Kolkata because he thought he wouldn't get opportunities in Haryana," Ahmed had said at Jaipur, as his son continued to bat resolutely to ensure that Bengal would have a decent total to defend. "I think he did the right thing."

Indeed. After performing consistently for Bengal across formats, he was bought by Royal Challengers for ₹20 lakh at the IPL auction for 2020.

Two years later, after releasing him, the franchise paid ₹2.4 crore for his services.

Shahbaz is fast emerging as a dependable all-rounder and is an excellent fielder, too.

Though Ahmed is proud of Shahbaz's achievements in cricket, till a few years ago, he had wanted his son to become an engineer.

"I was shocked to get a letter from his college that he had been bunking his Civil Engineering classes for months," says Ahmed. "When I saw his passion for cricket, I let him follow his dream. He has completed his engineering course, too."

As for that match in Jaipur, it ended in a tie. That may not be the main reason Ahmed and Abnam would remember it for.

Boxer Lovlina keen to add more power to her punch

Take that! Lovlina during her gold medal winning bout against Sweety. V.V. KRISHNAN

Y. B. Sarangi
GANDHINAGAR

Having secured the National Games gold as her first medal in the 75kg, Olympic bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain is keen to add power to her punches in the run-up to the Asian Games next year.

Lovlina, who came out of a nose injury she picked up last month to compete in the National Games here, felt that the gold here was a good build-up for the Asian championships.

"This performance (in my first competition in 75kg) will boost my preparation for the Asian championships. The competition level was good here, so that will help. The feeling was good in the final but I was not happy about the earlier fights. I need to train more and focus on my performance," Lovlina told *The Hindu*.

"Generally the Asian championships is a tough event, but I will try my best to perform well.

. "The most important thing is to increase my weight. When you jump to a higher weight, you need to work on your strength. Normally my body weight remains between 72kg and 73kg. If it becomes 75kg, then it will become easier to compete. I need to change my diet and training to fit well into the new weight category. I need to do some exercises to build muscles.

"Every session and every day is important as you face one competition after another. Since there is not much time left for the Asian championships, I think I can improve (my power) by the Asian Games (which will be an Olympic qualifying event)."

Lovlina said she would need to compete more. "The 75kg is an old weight category. Every competition is important.

"I have just come into this weight. Let's see how it goes and then I will decide how many events I need to play," said Lovlina.

NRAI's new selection policy focuses on form in Olympic year

SHOOTING

Santadeep Dey
CHENNAI

The National Rifle Association of India has announced a new selection policy for rifle and pistol events for the upcoming Paris Olympics, doing away with the practice of looking at consistency over a four-year Olympic period, focusing instead on a shooter's form in the Olympic year.

The NRAI has decided to introduce 'Olympic Selection Trials' (OST) – a series of four competitions to be organised in 2024.

The mean value of the top three scores of a shooter in these contests will be considered towards the Final Average Score (FAS), which will determine qualification for the Olympics. A shooter with an Olympic quota will have 0.33 points added to the FAS.

The new selection process will offer little advantage to a quota winner and will also not take into count the competition and circumstances under which the quota was won.

Shooters having less than three scores shall not be considered for a place in the Olympics squad.

Bonus merit points

In case two shooters end up with equal FAS, the tie will be decided on bonus merit points, which will be awarded based on the number of times an athlete finishes in the top four in the OST finals.

A first-place finish grants 0.75 points, 0.5 for second, 0.25 for third and 0.1 points for the fourth place.

"The NRAI firmly believes in shooters earning their place in the Olympic team," the shooting body said in the policy statement.

Move backfires

Ahead of the selection process for the Tokyo 2020 squad, the NRAI had stressed the importance of having consistent shooters in the squad, a move which backfired as the shooters came back empty-handed.

The association had considered the top five performances in the four-year Olympic cycle leading up to the Games.

However, the new rule will allow shooters to hit the reset button ahead of the quadrennial event and help them start afresh.

The top five shooters in each event – as per the national ranking on February 29, 2024 – will be allowed to take part in the OST.

Shooters will be eligible to compete only if they have participated in at least two ISSF Championships. They also need to have at least one ranking point on the QROG (Qualification Ranking for the Olympic Games) list.

Quota holder

Additionally, no merit points will be awarded for any world record. A quota holder, now, will gain automatic entry into every World Cup that India takes part in 2023 and 2024. However, a quota winner will be ineligible to feature in any ISSF event until India wins all the available quota places in the relevant discipline.

Sathiyan, Sharath keen to improve their performances in Asian Cup

TABLE TENNIS

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

India's top two paddlers, G. Sathiyan and A. Sharath Kamal have had some of their best outings in the Asian Cup table tennis tournament. Both had finished sixth in earlier editions, their best so far. While the 29-year-old Sathiyan did it in the previous edition in 2019, the 40-year-old reigning Commonwealth Games singles champion had achieved it in 2015 in Jaipur.

When the 33rd Asian Cup begins in Bangkok on November 17, they would be keen to put up a good show or even improve on their performances. But as it is a direct knock-out format this time, featuring 16 players, the going may not be easy.

"I had a very good run in 2015 when I upset two players in the top 16 and reached the quarterfinals. I would like to do that again," said Sharath, ranked 43 in the world, to *The Hindu*.

Big challenge: Sharath Kamal and Sathiyan would have to play at their best if they are to make an impact in the Asian Cup. FILE PHOTO

Keen to cause upsets

Sathiyan too wants to do better than making it to the quarterfinals. "If I get a good draw, there is a good chance of making it to the semifinals. I am keen to cause a few upsets," said Sathiyan, ranked 37 in the world.

The top male players in the fray include World No. 1 Fan Zhendong, No. 2 Ma Long, No. 3 Liang Jingkun and No. 4 Harimoto Tomokazu among others.

Sharath, who conceded his quarterfinal match to Soumyajit Ghosh at the 36th National Games due to a back spasm, has started training. The 10-time National champion said that after the Asian Cup, he would be taking part in the German Bundesliga for Borussia Dusseldorf, Champions League and German Cup from November 24.

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> **SHARATH**

After competing in the World team championships in Chengdu (China) from Sept. 30 to Oct. 9, Sathiyan is in Macau to participate in the WTT Champions from Oct. 19 to 23.

"There are strict quarantine rules here [Macau]. We can only train and cannot go to the gym. And we are served food in our rooms and there is daily COVID testing," he said.

After the Macau event, Sathiyan will play in WTT Contender in Slovenia (from Oct. 31 to Nov. 6) and the Asian Cup before participating in the French Pro A league for Jura Morez de Table.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Mithila, Vandita and Prerana help Karnataka enter last four

Mithila Vinod (3/15), Vandita Rao (3/22) and G.R. Prerana (47 n.o.) helped Karnataka defeat Punjab in the quarterfinals of the BCCI under-19 women's T20 trophy at Narendra Modi Stadium ground 'B' at Motera.

Karnataka will face Andhra in the semifinals on Saturday.

The scores: Punjab 103/9 in 20 overs (Mithila Vinod 3/15, Vandita Rao 3/22) lost to Karnataka 107/4 in 18.2 overs (G.R. Prerana 47 n.o.).

Ira makes the last-16

Top seed Ira Sharma defeated Rujula Ramu 21-13, 22-20 in the women's round-of-32 of the Infosys Foundation India International badminton challenge here. Second seed Tanya Hemanth advanced as well, after taking out Shriyanshi Valishetty 18-21, 21-9, 21-14.

In the men's round-of-32, Meiraba Maisnam shut out S. Bhargav 21-15, 21-19.

Bengaluru Marathon to be run on Sunday

The ninth edition of the Shriram Properties Bengaluru Marathon 2022 will be flagged off at Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Sunday. The marathon is expected to attract over 11,000 participants, organisers stated.

The event consists of four independent races – full marathon (42.2km), half marathon (21.09km), a special 10 kilometres run for a cause, and the 5km run.

Tejuddin stars in Rebels' win

K.H. Tejuddin scored a brace to power Rebels FC to a 2-0 win over Kodagu FC in the BDFA Super Division football leagueon Thursday.

The result: Rebels FC 2 (K.H. Tejuddin 11, 16) bt Kodagu FC 0.

Chennaiyin banking on home support

Bengaluru FC's pace up top with strikers Sivasakthi Narayanan and Roy Krishna against the host's defence will be a key match-up

Positive outlook: CFC coach Bradaric and Anirudh Thapa at a media briefing on on Thursday. R RAGU

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Aashin Prasad
CHENNAI

"A lot has changed," says Chennaiyin FC (CFC) skipper Anirudh Thapa ahead of the club's homecoming at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium against Bengaluru FC (BFC) on Friday.

"The crowd, the traffic, the hotel, and obviously, the players and the staff."

Th 24-year-old midfielder, one of the two players left from CFC's squad from the 2019-20 Indian Super League season, is hopeful that the fever-pitch support will be a constant from two years ago.

After a somber two seasons inside a bio-bubble in Goa, where the club finished eighth in successive seasons, the two-time champion will be buoyed to be back in front of its home fans.

Chennaiyin won its opening game away to ATK Mohun Bagan, where it looked out of sorts for the first half before stealing all three points in a comeback 2-1 win.

Thomas Brdaric's side lacked a distinct pattern of play but produced a composed second-half showing.

Brdaric's caution

Brdaric noted Bengaluru's 'fast players' and cautioned that "especially at the back, they are not able to overplay us easily. We have to defend as a team and not let them fulfill their strengths at our stadium."

The versatile Edwin Vanspaul, the other remaining member from 2020, came on to provide cover for right-back Ajith Kumar and would have made his case for a starting place against Bengaluru. BFC's pace up top with strikers Sivasakthi Narayanan and Roy Krishna against CFC's defence will be a key match-up.

Simon Grayson's BFC eked out a 1-0 win against NorthEast United and was troubled by the individual brilliance of Romain Philippoteaux and Jon Gaztañaga. Chennaiyin will hope new signing Nasser El Khayati is up to speed and can similarly hurt the away side.

Trafalgar primed for a repeat in Governor's Cup

RACING

MYSURU: Trafalgar, who maintains form, may score an encore in the Governor's Cup (2,000m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Friday (Oct. 14). False rails (width about 8m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 BELGAUM PLATE (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Flash Bond (3) Angad 61.5, 2. Ieilani (2) Sai Kiran 60, 3. Gintoki (1) B. Darshan 58.5, 4. Aurele (4) H. Zeeshan 55.5, 5. Tia Maria (5) J.H. Arul 54.5 and 6. Antinori (6) S. Saqlain 51.5.

1. GINTOKI, 2. TIA MARIA

2 NYVELI PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30: 1. Thea's Gift (9) Angad 60.5, 2. Country's Miracle (7) H. Zeeshan 58.5, 3. Akasi (6) R. Pradeep 58, 4. Vijaya Surabhi (2) N.B. Kuldeep 58, 5. Cappadocia (5) S. Saqlain 57.5, 6. Scarlet Princess (8) H. Rathod 57, 7. Wondrous (3) Gautam Raj 57, 8. Rain Cloud (1) H.M. Akshay 56 and 9. Swiss Bay (4) Kiran Rai 51.

1. THEA'S GIFT, 2. AKASI, 3. CAPPADOCIA

3 DELHI PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 3-00: 1. D Lord (3) Ajay K 62.5, 2. Tarek (9) S. Saqlain 61, 3. Great Hope (1) Hasib A 58, 4. Lycurgus (8) Sai Kiran 58, 5. Parker (5) Angad 57.5, 6. Worldly Wise (6) Antony 56, 7. Bruce Almighty (2) Hindu S 55, 8. Southern Warrior (7) Rayan 54 and 9. White Lies (4) P. Sai Kumar 53.

1. TAREK, 2. LYCURGUS, 3. WORLDLY WISE

4 A.R. SUBRAMANYA RAJ URS MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. Kingofthejungle (8) Angad 62.5, 2. Fernet Branca (6) J.H. Arul 61.5, 3. Furious Fun (2) Salman K 61, 4. March To Victory (4) Shreyas S 58.5, 5. Mark One (11) Antony 57, 6. Evangeline (1) Rayan 55, 7. Lauterbrunnen (12) Kiran Rai 53.5, 8. The Response (9) Sai Kiran 53.5, 9. Anakin (7) Jagadeesh 53, 10. D Dear (10) Mukesh K 53, 11. Deimus (5) B. Harish 51.5 and 12. Lagopus (3) P. Surya 50.5.

1. LAUTERBRUNNEN, 2. FERNET BRANCA, 3. MARK ONE

5 GOVERNOR'S CUP-2022 (2,000m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Jake (1) Hindu S 60, 2. Trafalgar (3) Trevor 59.5 and 3. Speedster (2) Antony 56.5.

1. TRAFALGAR, 2. SPEEDSTER

6 PAPANASHINI PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Biometric (1) A. Agarwal 62, 2. Coastal Cruise (3) Antony 60.5, 3. D Darling (5) Santosh K 59.5, 4. Leap Of Faith (8) S. Qureshi 59, 5. Crimson Fire (4) Angad 58, 6. Wind Power (6) S. Saqlain 56.5, 7. D Thirteen Twelve (2) H. Rahul 55.5, 8. Socrates (9) N.B. Kuldeep 54 and 9. Silver Days Again (7) P. Sai Kumar 52.

1. SILVER DAYS AGAIN, 2. WIND POWER, 3. COASTAL CRUISE

7 NYVELI PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 5-00: 1. N R I Level (6) Afsar Khan 62.5, 2. Country's Chief (9) J. Paswan 62, 3. Mighty Prince (5) Noorulla 62, 4. Come Alive (7) B. Darshan 60.5, 5. Gabriella (4) Imran Ashraf 60.5, 6. Armament (10) Jagadeesh 59.5, 7. Jersey Legend (3) Ramandeep S 59.5, 8. Charmaine (1) Shreyas S 58, 9. Raptor (2) H. Rahul 56.5 and 10. So Far (8) Kiran Rai 55.5.

1. JERSEY LEGEND, 2. RAPTOR, 3. COME ALIVE

Day's best: TAREK

Double: SILVER DAYS AGAIN – JERSEY LEGEND

Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

Polished Girl triumphs

MYSURU: Rajesh Narredu-trained Polished Girl (Suraj up) won the F.K. Irani Memorial Million, the chief event of the races held here on Thursday (Oct 13). The winner is owned by M/s. Daulat Chhabria, K. Kaliyaperumal, M. Ravi & Mrs. R. Chellam.

1. VALAROSO PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25: HERODOTUS (Kiran Rai) 1, Sekhmet (R. Pradeep) 2, Legionary (Jagadeesh) 3 and Elite Agent (Angad) 4. Not run: Omerta. 3/4, 1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m, 28.14s. ₹61 (w), 18, 17 and 56 (p), SHP: 44, THP: 127, FP: 757, Q: 282, Trinella: 16,426 and 4,224. Favourite: Elite Agent. Owner: Mrs. Sandhya Suman. Trainer: C. Girinath.

2. RANGANATHITTU PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: FACETS OF LIFE (B. Darshan) 1, Quando Quando (Antony) 2, D Fighter (Shreyas S) 3 and Ewandor (Angad) 4. Not run: Angel Dreams and Romantic Heart. 3/4, 1-1/2 and 1-3/4. 1m, 13.64s. ₹46 (w), 19, 12 and 19 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 41, FP: 104, Q: 43, Trinella: 358 and 257. Favourite: Quando Quando. Owner and trainer: Mr. C.D. Monnappa.

3. KURUKSHETHRA PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over: SMILE AROUND (S. Saqlain) 1, My One And Only (Hindu S) 2, War Eagle (Sai Kiran) 3 and Percivale (Santosh K) 4. Not run: Al Jawaad and Fifty Grand. 1-1/4, 3 and 3/4. 1m, 26.22s. ₹26 (w), 10, 23 and 30 (p), SHP: 42, THP: 44, FP: 104, Q: 48, Trinella: 327 and 182. Favourite: Smile Around. Owner: Mr. K. Mallikarjuna Rao. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

4. K. THAMMANNA GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 4-y-o & over: UNYIELDING (J.H. Arul) 1, Wild Spell (B. Darshan) 2, Eddie The Eagle (G. Rohith) 3 and Lucky Chance (S. Saqlain) 4. Not run: Star Of Thea. 3-1/4, 1/2 and Nose. 1m, 11.07s. ₹25 (w), 12, 18 and 60 (p), SHP: 53, THP: 174, FP: 245, Q: 117, Trinella: 2,588 and 3,169. Favourite: Unyielding. Owners: M/s. Darius R. Byramji, K. Mahaveer Chand & Ravindran T.C. Trainer: Darius Byramji.

5. F.K. IRANI MEMORIAL MILLION-2022 (1,400m), 3-y-o only, (Terms): POLISHED GIRL (Suraj) 1, O Hansini (Akshay K) 2, Forseti (Srinath) 3 and Trevalius (Trevor) 4. 2-1/4, Lnk and 4-1/4. 1m, 23.03s. ₹24 (w), 21 and 12 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 22, FP: 111, Q: 83, Trinella: 205 and 95. Favourite: Trevalius. Owners: M/s. Daulat Chhabria, K. Kaliyaperumal, M. Ravi & Mrs. R. Chellam. Trainer: Rajesh Narredu.

6. THEERTHAHALLI PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65: EXTRAORDINARY (Sai Kiran) 1, Mystic Eye (R. Pradeep) 2, Douglas (Antony) 3 and Pinnacle Point (Hindu S) 4. 1-1/4, Hd and 7-1/2. 1m, 24.12s. ₹48 (w), 15, 16 and 20 (p), SHP: 66, THP: 44, FP: 438, Q: 518, Trinella: 638 and 249, Exacta: 1,476. Favourite: Douglas. Owner: Mr. C.V. Prasad Rao. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

7. RANGANATHITTU PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: COUNTRY'S FLASH (L.A. Rozario) 1, Ineffable (G. Rohith) 2, Vijaya Falcon (B. Darshan) 3 and Mystic Divine (Angad) 4. Not run: The Flying Feet and Desert Romance. 3-1/4, 1-1/2 and 1. 1m, 13.25s. ₹45 (w), 17, 39 and 10 (p), SHP: 89, THP: 68, FP: 833, Q: 275, Trinella: 1,456 and 244, Exacta: 2,571 and 1,102. Favourite: Vijaya Falcon. Owner: Country Stud Farm LLP. Trainer: Feroz M. Khan.

Jackpot: ₹8,941 (26 tkts.); Runner-up: 441 (226 tkts.); Treble (i): 1,194 (six tkts.); (ii): 880 (four tkts.).

Sandeep, Rijiju win awards in World Summit of Sports

Kamesh Srinivasan
BENGALURU

Former India hockey captain and Haryana Sports Minister Sandeep Singh was presented with the Outstanding Resilience Award in the sixth World Summit on Ethics and Leadership in Sports at the Art of Living International Centre on Thursday.

Recognising excellence: Sandeep receives the award from Sri Sri Ravi Shankar as Rijiju and Advani look on. KAMESH SRINIVASAN

The courage that Sandeep had shown in recovering from a stray bullet injury that had made the doctors declare that he would not be able to walk again, and his continued contribution for sports after retirement, drew appreciation in the Summit.

Recalling the difficult journey after the injury in 2006, Sandeep said he had the dedication to fight the odds. "I had to play, come what may," said Sandeep. "God-given talent is great, but dedication, discipline and hard work can beat that," said Sandeep.

Former Union Sports Minister and current Law Minister Kiren Rijiju received an award for his "outstanding contribution to sports as an individual".

"We can be in the top-10 in the Olympics medals table," said Rijiju, as he goaded every citizen to "watch sports, at least on television."

The Founder of the World Forum for Ethics in Business, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar said that sports was very natural to living beings.

Asking an intriguing question as to whether sports should be taken seriously or lightly, Ravi Shankar stressed that sports was religion to young people. "Win or lose celebrate. Sports is a celebration of life," he said.

Multiple time world champion in billiards and snooker, Pankaj Advani was also felicitated. "FIR should be Fairplay, Integrity and Respect in the world of sport," said Advani.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
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ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)

(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ್ ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂ.3, ಬ್ಯಾಹಟ್ಟಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 4701 SCP TSP ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ ಅಡಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂಬರಿನ 3 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಏಕಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Work Indent No:- 33826, 33838 & 33840 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)

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ಸೂಚನೆ: 33826 (ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ)

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ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27/10/2022 ರ 4.00 pm ತನಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29/10/2022 ರಂದು ಮುಂಜಾನೆ: 11.00 am ರಿಂದ. ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿವಾರು ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮುಖೇನ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0836-2315225 ನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಹಿ/-ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ವಿತಾ/657/2022-23 ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 3 ಬ್ಯಾಹಟ್ಟಿ

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

Tender No. BDA/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1518 Date: 13.10.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDERS

BDA invites short-term tenders for **"Providing 12.5 Mtr High Mast Poles and LED Flood light fittings to Anjanapura-Kanakapura Road Junction and Anjanapura-Bannerghatta Road Junction, Anjanapura Layout, BDA, Bengaluru".**

Calendar of Events : (1) Peirod of Download of Tender Document from: **14.10.2022. (2)** Last date and time of submission by uploading the filled tender document: **29.10.2022, upto 17.00 hrs. (3)** Date and time of opening of tenders (Technical & Financial bid) : **31.10.2022 at 17.00 hrs.**

For more details please refer e-procurement portal website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact at office of the Executive Engineer (Elec.), BDA, T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru. Contact No.: +91 9845630164

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele.),
BDA/PRO/TN/20/2022-23 Electrical Division, BDA, Bengaluru

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TWAD BOARD, MADURAI.

TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE No.1 /Dt.11.10.2022 (E- Submission)

Ref : This Office IFB:No.11 /F.Ramnad Retro /JJM /DO I/ CW/Dt.06.09.2022

The last date of receipt & opening of tender called for in the reference cited is extended as under :

Name of Work : **Jal Jeevan Mission -** Retrofitting of Existing Ramnad CWSS to Ramanathapuram and 4 other Municipalities, 11 Town Panchayats and 3163 Rural Habitations in 18 Panchayat Unions in Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai and Pudukkottai Districts for the Construction Period of 18 months and operation and Maintenance of Ramnad CWSS for 60 months in MLD Basis

Last date for receipt of tenders	**Upto 15.00 hours on 26.10.2022**
Opening of tenders	**at 15.30 hours on 27.10.2022**

The other terms and conditions remain unaltered.

DIPR/ 4579 /TENDER/2022 **Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

No: ISEC/Regr/Estate/2022-23/03 Date: October 13, 2022

Sealed Tenders are invited for **(a) Internal Painting and Maintenance works at Gents Hostel and (b) Painting in the Library Building (c) Post Office Building** in the ISEC Campus from the reputed Bengaluru based agencies / contractors having adequate experience in painting works. Interested agencies may down load the format from website www.isec.ac.in. Duly filled tender along with EMD of Rs.45,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) by way of DD / Pay order of any scheduled Bank drawn in favour of **"Registrar, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru"**, should be submitted to The Registrar, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Dr.V.K.R.V. Rao Road, Nagarabhavi PO, Bengaluru 560 072. Last Date for submission: October 25, 2022. Tenders will be opened on October 28, 2022 at 11.00 am in the Committee Room. Interested Tenderers may be present while opening the tenders.

ISEC-22318 Registrar

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL, D.C. OFFICE,
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No: DUDC/NAGAROTHANA Phase 04/TS 06/2022-23 Dt:11.10.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, DUDC, Chitradurga District invites tenders in Two cover system using **KW- 4** document from Class-1 and II above PWD contractors for Chief Minister Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Phase-4) Project in Chitradurga District Package works as detailed below:-

Challakere City Municipal Council:- Description of work:- **Package No. 01:-** Construction of Road and Drains works in Challakere CMC limits under Chief Minister's Amrtuh Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Phase-4) **Indent No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 133068/CALL-2**
Amount Put to Tender(Rs. in Lakhs) (Excluding GST):- 1772.46 EMD Amount(Rs. in Lakhs):- 17.73 Period of Construction (including Monsoon) :- 18 Months Class of Contractor:-Class-I

Holalkere Town Municipal Council 2) **Package No. 02:-** Proposed Construction of Road, Drains, Building, Compound Wall and RO Plants in Holalkere TMC limits under Chief Minister's Amrtuh Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Phase-4) **Indent No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 132719 /CALL-3**
Amount Put to Tender(Rs. in Lakhs) (Excluding GST):- 354.27 EMD Amount(Rs. in Lakhs):- 5.32 Period of Construction (including Monsoon):- 11 Months Class of Contractor:- Class-II

Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from from the e-Procurement platform **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)**. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. EMD and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically.

Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:
(1) Pre-Bid meeting date and time for Bidders **20-10-2022 11.30 AM** (2) Last date and time for Tender Queries / Clarifications **27-10-2022 5.30 PM** (3) Last Date and time receipt to tenders **31-10-2022 5.30 PM** (4) Date and time for Opening of Technical Bid **02-11-2022 5.30 PM** (5) Date and time for Opening of Financial Bid **After Technical Approval of Bid**

Any changes in the tender conditions and Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in any newspapers.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/611/2022-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Chitradurga.

Government of Karnataka
(Women and Child Development Department)
Office of the Child Development Project Officer,
Belur Cross, Chikkamagaluru – 577101
Ph.No.: 08262-235793 e-mail: cdpo.cmlore@gmail.com

No.: CDPC/Egg/Tender/01/2022-23 Date: 11.10.2022

e-procurement Short Term Re-tender Notice

Short term e- procurement Retender is invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 Rules 2000 at Taluk level for distribution of Eggs to beneficiaries of 394 Anganwadi Centres under Integrated Child Development Scheme in the limits of Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Women and Child Development Department, Chikkamagaluru Taluk, for the year 2022-23. Approx. value of the Tender is Rs. 108 lakhs. Last date for submission of Tender is 19.10.2022 within 5.00 PM. For e-Tender conditions and uploading of Tender visit website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer,Chikkamagaluru.
DIPR/ckm/No.167/mca/22-23/1079

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that Our Client has negotiated to purchase the **Schedule Property** from its present owner **SHIVOHAM FAMILY PRIVATE TRUST,** A registered Family Trust, Having its registered Office at No.6, 3 rd Floor, M.T. Street, B.V.K. Iyengar Road,Bangalore-560053, Represented by its Managing Trustee **Sri. SRINIVAS. A.R.,** Son of Rajakumar.T.N, who have acquired the same under a Deed of Absolute Sale Dated 07-02-2015, registered as Document No.INR-1-08851-2014-15 of Book-1, stored in CD No.INRD134, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Indiranagar, Bangalore.

Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien or interest in respect of the Schedule Property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim **within 7 days** from the date of this publication.

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EAST BY : Thimma Reddy's Property WEST BY : P.W.D. Road;
NORTH BY : House bearing Site No.12; SOUTH BY : Private Property
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No: KBJNL/NLBC/PB/2022-23/1323/1323 Date :-1.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-tendering only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, NLBC Division, Rodalabanda invites percentage tenders in two cover system from eligible PWD Class.I & above Contractors for Providing Bore well irrigation works (7 Nos) & CC & BT roads (4 Nos) coming under Kanakagiri, Yelburga, Gangavathi, Constituency of Koppal District, as detailed in the short term Tender Notification published in e-procurement portal viz http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The Intending tenderers may download the tender document through e-procurement portal viz., http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in.from 10.10.2022 to 25.10.2022 upto 4.00 PM and the technical bid will be opened on 28.10.2022 @ 11.00 AM and further details can be obtained from this office in any working days during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIP/Raichur/355/MAC/2022-23 KBJNL NLBC Division, Rodalbanda

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the kind notice of the General Public that my clients Sri.Prabin Kumar Agrawal S/o Sri.Sitaram Agrawal and Smt.Priya Agrawal W/o Sri.Prabin Kumar, both are R/at No.707, 2nd "A" Main, OMBR Layout, Banasawadi, Bengaluru-560043, are intending to purchase the below mentioned property from Sri.M.Balaji S/o Sri.Munibyra Reddy, R/at Subashnagar, Near Railway Station, Malur Town, Malur Taluk, Kolar District. If any person/s have any manner of right, title, claim, charge, lien or interest over the Schedule Property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for this sale transaction, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing along with photocopies of documents which they are relying, with the undersigned within **07 days** from the date of the publication of this Public Notice, any objection or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my clients and my clients shall proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimant/s or objectors.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Industrial Converted Land bearing Survey No.55, measuring 1 Acre 30 Guntas, situated at VARADENAHALLI Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded on the **East by:** Road, **West by:** Obalapura Village Boundary, **North by:** Land belongs to Veeraraju and **South by:** Land belongs to S.V.Sridhar.

K. SURESH, Advocate
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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICER,
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TENDER DOCUMENT

FOR SUPPLY OF TO PRE-METRIC, POST METRIC HOSTELS, RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS & RESIDENTIAL PU COLLEGE COMING UNDER MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT KALABURAGI DISTRICTFOR THE YEAR-2019-20

Department of Minority welfare Department, Kalaburagi Dist. hereby invites Agencies, providing man power Group 'C' and 'D' Out Source to the Minority Pre-Matric, Post Matric Hostel's, MMDR School's, Govt. Muslim Residential School, Dr. APJ Abdul Klam (Navodaya model) Residential School, MMDR PU College's, Dist. Office, and Taluka Information Centre's. 1) Tender Notification date: **13.10.2022**, 2) Amount put to Tender: **381.89 Lakhs,** No of Out Source Employees : **316,** 3) E-procurement form Fees : As per E-procurement, 4) Tender opening date and time : **13.10.2022 to 12.12.2022 @ 5.00pm**, 5) Last date & Time for submission of Tender : **12.12.2022 @ 5.00pm,** 6) Pre- Bid meeting Date and place : Place: Dist. Minority office Kalaburagi. **Date: 03.11.2022 Time:3.00 Pm,** 7) Date & Time of opening of Technical bid : Place: Dist. Minority office Kalaburagi. **Date: 15.12.2022 Time:11.00 AM**, 8) Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid: Place: Dist. Minority office Kalaburagi. Date: **21.12.2022 Time:11.00 AM**, 9) EMD Amount : Rs. 5.73 Lakhs, 10) Venue of opening of tenders & address for communication: DISTRICT OFFICER, Minority Welfare Department, Kalaburagi.1st Floor, KUDA Office Kalaburagi Ph:08472-247260.

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